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Readers Say-

Re the Salem Story

To the Editor:

I note in the March 15 issue of *United Evangelical Action,* page 13, in the article "Conservative Disciples Win in Property Fight," that there is evidently a typographical error in the fourth paragraph, which in accordance with the printed text reads as follows:

"A major cause of the division in the congregation (First Christian Church, Salem, Ill.) was the 'articles of faith' approved on December 31, 1949, by a majority of the congregation. This creed was adopted after the majority had broken ties with the Disciples of Christ, and the denomination's International Convention had denied members of the congregation the privilege of supporting the communion's agencies."

Should this not have included a comma after the phrase, "and the denomination's International Convention" followed by the word "and" before the word "had," to read as follows: ". . . . and the denomination's International Convention, *and* had denied members of the congregation . . . ."?

Unless I am mistaken, the intention of the statement is that the majority had broken the ties and the majority had denied members the privilege, etc. As the statement presently reads it looks as if the International Convention had denied members of the congregation the privilege, etc. Would you like to clarify this because in its present form, of course, it is not a statement of fact?

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Indianapolis, Ind.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Cook is correct. Through a typographical error, a comma and the word "and" were omitted. We are glad to make the correction. The International Convention of Disciples of Christ is constitutionally a voluntary organization which does not assume authority over local Christian churches either inside or outside its fellowship.

Conservatives within the Disciples' communion, however, are being constantly harassed by legal prosecutions similar to the one at Salem. Most of these court cases are initiated by the state societies, which are closely integrated with the International Convention. There is every indication that these legal prosecutions follow a pattern and a strategy conceived and directed at a national level. If not by the International Convention, could it be by the United Christian Missionary Society?]

Misleading Advertising

To the Editor:

There are two films currently being shown in theaters throughout the United States and in Canada that are misleading in their advertising.

"The Mighty Fortress" is a production of the Paul Short Productions in cooperation with "March of Time" and is distributed by Allied Artists to the movie industry, Billy Graham, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, or the Billy Graham Films have absolutely no control over this film. It is a documentation of religious resurgence in 1954 in which some of the news reels of Mr. Graham's British and European tours are used. Included in this film are also reports of the World Council of Churches at Evanston and the Marian Year.

Another picture, recently released by Metro-Goldwyn Mayer and entitled "The Lord In His Corner," has also carried misleading advertising, particularly in Canada. Neither Mr. Graham nor any of his associates had ever even heard of this film until it appeared. The advertising uses Mr. Graham's name and calls him the fighting evangelist who built a pulpit from the prize ring.

Mr. Graham has not changed his policy relative to releasing films through regular theaters. The two above-mentioned pictures are not Mr. Graham's productions, nor does he have any control whatsoever over them. Billy Graham films are released only through Billy Graham Films' Inc., of 2627 Connecticut Avenue N. W., Washington, D.C.

Also there has recently appeared on most newsstands a biographical booklet entitled *Billy Graham, the Man and His Message.* This booklet gives a somewhat sensational but sympathetic treatment. This booklet was totally unauthorized. Neither Mr. Graham nor any of his associates knew anything about it until it appeared on the stands.

Due to the tremendous publicity Mr. Graham has received during recent months, many such promotional schemes will likely be appearing. It is questionable whether legal steps, if taken would prevent these things.

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To the Editor:

Regarding the article "Chicago, Convention City, Is Evangelical Center," (*Action* April 1), this statement is made: "The Christian Business Men's Committee International is another organization of growing influence. It has bought and remodeled a building in Chicago's busy Loop. It has committies in six countries. The Chicago Committee has maintained noon services in the Loop for seventeen years." In order not to misdirect visitors, we would point out that the headquarters of the International Committee is located at 105 West Adams St. The Chicago Committee, located at 108 N. Dearborn, has bought and remodeled a building for the use of its many activities. Incidentally, there are now some 340 local committees in eighteen different countries.

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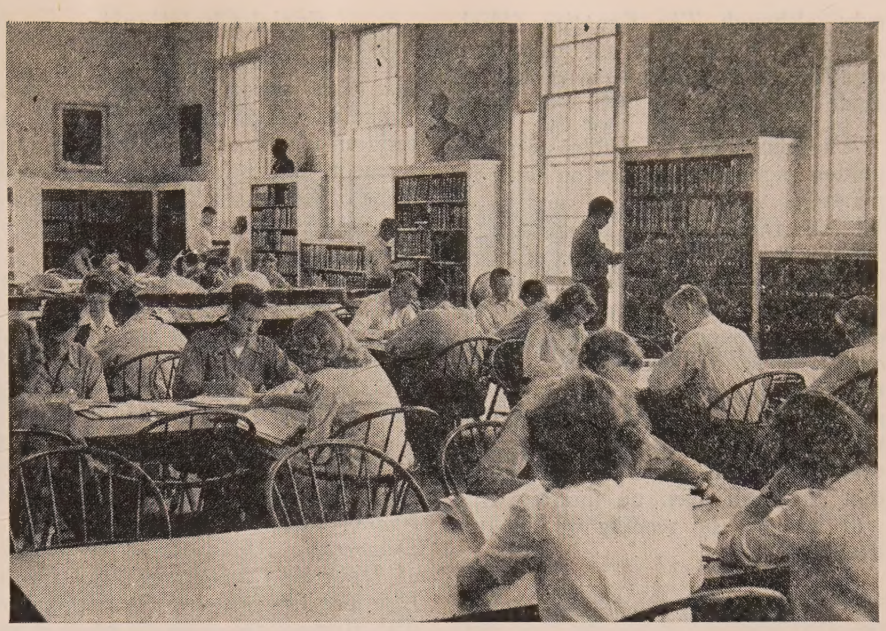

A Great Year in Religious Books

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FOR THE first time last year I kept a file of religious books published in the United States, Great Britain, and Germany. Titles of those published in this country were picked up from the religious section of the proof cards of the Library of Congress, which represents books processed by them, including nearly all of those submitted for copyright, from the "Weekly Record" of *Publisher's Weekly,* which usually includes most of the religious books issued by the major publishers, and from the lists of books published daily carried by the *New York Times* on its book review page. Even from all of these sources it is impossible to pick up all religious titles. The Library of Congress sometimes classifies in other categories some books dealing with religious subjects, when there are other related areas of knowledge involved also.

From all of these sources I have collected actually 1,421 titles. I had been suspicious for some time that not all religious books were being reported to *Publisher's Weekly.* Their annual statistics number shows only 875 religious titles for the year, of which 774 were new books and 101, new editions. This was 61 more than their figure for religion in 1953. Again only fiction and juveniles ranked higher than religion with 1512 and 1193 titles respectively.

In analyzing this file of titles I found roughly the following breakdown of subject matter: on the Bible as a whole, 83; Old Testament, 34; Judaism and intertestamental matters, 36; New Testament, 84; Patristics and Christian classics, 19; history and biography, 118; church history, 22; history of doctrine and sects, 27; denominations and Catholicism, 170 (including 28 books on the Virgin Mary); world-wide religious history and missions, 112; comparative religions, 41; philosophy and ethics, 31; theology and apologetics, 137; religious sociology and related subjects, 34; religious education and Sunday School, 88; liturgics and polity, 64; hymnology, 3; pastoral theology and sermons, 158; devotional literature, 127; and religious arts, 4. It is obvious that in some of these categories there must have been more books published than showed up in the sources consulted.

The statistics for Great Britain were taken from the *British National Bibliography,* which comes out weekly, and which classifies books according to the Dewey Decimal system. There were 1,178 religious titles included for 1954. German statistics are from the printed cards of books received in the national library and numbered 1,178 titles. Many of these were small brochures, as is quite customary in Europe.

Observations on some categories that stand out in the year's production may be of interest, and may indicate some trends in religious thinking and activity.

Bibles

There were at least eleven volumes of what we call shorter Bibles, or selections of Scriptures for popular or juvenile reading. These vary much in value, and the principles of selection vary also. A careful study of shorter Bibles would make a doctrinal dissertation.

Two Roman Catholic translations of the New Testament appeared, the Kleist-Lilly and the Knox translations. Zondervan has taken over and published during the year another printing of the Berkeley version of the New Testament translated by Gerrit C. Verkuyl. The Septuagint in English, which is really only a reprint with some changes of the old translation of Charles Thomson, was a worthy enough effort, but was spoiled by inadequate revision and overzealous advertising.

Biblical Fiction

There is an increasing number of major novels dealing with biblical characters and events. *No Other Gods* (Penfield) dealing with Abraham, and *The Song of Ruth* (Slaughter) were reviewed during the year. In addition to these we have *The Darkness* (Simpson), a novel of the last days of Christ, *Solomon and the Queen of Sheba* (Ormande), *The Sorceress* (Weinreb) on Deborah, one on Moses called *On Eagles' Wings* (Southon), and *Lot's Wife* (Ley-Piscator). Published already in 1955 are two others: *The Spear* (de Wohl) and *Maid of Israel* (Ingram). The latter is on the little maid that sent Naaman to the prophet, and is the first major biblical novel to be published by Broadman. They are putting a large advertising budget behind its promotion. No religious novel made the best seller list last year, how-

ever, although *The Egyptian* (Waltari) was in fifth place, and it has some significance in antiquities relating to Bible times.

The converting of Bible stories to motion picture form goes on with remarkable vigor. Quite a number of biblical films are in production in Hollywood by major companies, and in Israel twenty-six biblical films are in various stages of production. One of the most important of these is *Isaac and Rebecca.* It appears that for an ever increasing number of people the stories and characters of the Bible will live again, even though in fictionalized form. One can only hope that this will open up interests that will lead to the reading of the text itself.

Books on Preaching

In looking over the titles of books for the year I was struck by the number on preaching. In addition to the reprinting of the famous *History of Preaching* by Dargan, the following fifteen books appeared on preaching itself: *The Excellence of our Calling* (Brooks), *Preaching Angels* (Caldwell), *The True and Lively Word* (Cleland), *Preaching in a Scientific Age* (Craig), *The Preacher and His Audience* (Garrison), *Planned Preaching* (Gibson), *Who Speaks for God?* (Kennedy), *Communicating the Gospel* (Luccock), *Fire in Thy Mouth* (Miller), *Preach the Word of God* (Morris), *Preaching the Word with Authority* (Shroeder), *Preaching in the Thought of Alexander Campbell* (Walker), *Variety in Your Preaching* (Whitesell), and *Rural Preaching* (Ziegler), and *Sent Forth to Preach; Studies in Apostolic Preaching* (Weatherspoon).

Holy Spirit

The subject of the Holy Spirit called forth at least six volumes during the year. Two of these are extensive, solid treatments: *The Holy Spirit: His Gifts and Power* (Owen), and *The Holy Spirit, A Comprehensive Study* (Walvoord). The others are more devotional and expository: *The Holy Spirit's Ministry* (Freeman), *The Holy Spirit in Christian Life* (Gardeil), *The Lord of the Harvest; the Manifestation and the Ministration of the Holy Spirit* (Logsdon), and *The Third Person; Seven Devotional Studies on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit* (Strauss). This renewed interest and emphasis on the Spirit and His work is a good sign and should encourage series of studies in the pulpit and Bible classes on the subject.

Social Christianity

Another interesting group of books that came up for special notice was on the relationships and influences plying between Christianity and politics, government, and social factors in general. Some of these are: *The Spiritual Basis of Democracy — The Living Way Through Christianity* (Gillett), *A Good and a Bad Government* (Hering), *Church and State in Luther and Calvin* (Mueller), *Work and Vocation—A Christian Discussion* (Nelson), *Religion and Society* (Nottingham) *A Christian Economy* (Peck), *The Dilemma of Church and State* (Ruff), *German Protestants Face the Social Question — The Conservative Phase,* 1815-1871 (Shanahan), *A Democratic Manifesto—The Impact of Dynamic Christianity upon Public Life and Government* (Stumpf), and *The Biblical Doctrine of Man in Society* (Wright).

Best Seller List

Only three religious books made the annual best seller list for the year, all in the non-fiction column. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible was again in first place for the third consecutive year. A total of 710,359 copies were sold, making the grand total since publication 3,141,670. In seventh place was *The Prayers of Peter Marshall* (McGraw-Hill) and following immediately was *This I Believe* (2d ed.), a collection of testimonies of personal faith gathered together by Raymond Swing, and published by Bobbs-Merrill.

It is interesting to note that a devotional book was the best seller with Van Kampen for the year—*In Quietness and Confidence* by V. Raymond Edman. They report also that they have sold around 4,000 sets of Lewis Sperry Chafer's 8-volume *Systematic Theology* since its publication. Revell's *Angel Unaware* has continued to make selling history with them with nearly 400,000 copies sold. Dale Evans Rogers' second book, *My Spiritual Diary,* came out in February with an initial printing of 50,000 copies.

Religious Book Clubs

There are probably somewhat more than fifty book clubs functioning today. Of these, half a dozen are prominent religious clubs. The Catholic Book Club features religious materials mostly, and there is also the Catholic Literary Foundation, and the Catholic Children's Book Club, which are not limited to religious books. The Family Bookshelf is sponsored by the Christian Herald, and presents a good quality of literature for the family, but it is not all religious either. For pastors there are the Pastoral Psychology Book Club, and the Pulpit Book Club. The Religious Book Club is a general club for religious interest. Percy Crawford's Pinebrook Book Club has two divisions: The Clergy Book Club and The Junior Book Club. These are promoted, along with a selection of other literature, in a monthly publication called *Bookcast.*

Two new efforts deserve mention in this connection. The Young People's Religious Bookshelf was launched about the middle of the year with headquarters in Great Neck, N. Y. The editor is Simon Doniger, and the advisory board includes Daniel A. Poling and Henry K. Sherrill. Youth representative on the board is George Corwin of the National Board of the YMCA. A free copy of the RSV Bible is sent to new subscribers. On the evangelical side we have also a new club called Evangelical Books, with headquarters in Greenvale, N. Y., and with Gerald P. Willis acting as business manager. The editorial board consists of Frank E. Gaebelein, Chairman, Clarence E. Macartney, Harold John Ockenga, and Paul S. Rees. Opening inducement to charter membership is a free copy of the *New Bible Commentary* edited by Davidson. This club guarantees to save the members over 50% from list price of books selected.

New Magazine

Of only secondary interest to laymen, but of paramount importance to religious booksellers is the announcement of the publication of a new quarterly magazine, *Christian Bookseller,* first issue of which was January, 1955. This is a 96-page number of beautiful and interesting design, reminding one of the older format of *Christian Life Magazine,* by which magazine it is sponsored, and of which it thus becomes a worthy daughter. Advisory editorial board members are John Fish, President of the Christian Booksellers Association; Fred C. Becker, Sales Manager, Religious Book and Bible Department, Harper and Brothers; E. Odell Crowe, Manager, Merchandise Selection Department, Broadman Press; Victory B. Growcock, Director of Audio-Visual Aid Service, Concordia Publishing House; and William Moore, Executive Secretary, Christian Booksellers Association. Robert Walker, Editor, *Christian Life Magazine,* is editing the *Christian Bookseller,* so it is certain that a good job will be done.

Regular features will include all the main lines of materials sold at religious bookstores in addition to books, such as visual aids, records, song books and

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The Christian Home

A Sermon for "National Family Week," May 1-8

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And when Peter had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.—*Acts 12:2.*

THERE are many different standards by which people try to measure the success of a Christian church. Some judge by the size of the congregation, but our Lord never accepted that standard. Others judge by the popularity of the minister, but that is certainly superficial. Some would judge by the purity of the church's doctrine, but that too is false, for we all know that a church may be pure in doctrine but still be dead. Others still would judge by the basis of a church's financial position and missionary giving. You're getting nearer the mark, my friend, when you judge on that basis, for very often the state of a church's finances is a very good barometer of its conditions.

But none of these things really stand up to the New Testament measure of a successful Christian church. If we are really to assess correctly the success of the Christian church we must go further and look deeper. The test of a church is not merely in the ministry of the pulpit, but in that which is exercised by the congregation. A New Testament church is not a building composed of bricks and mortar; it is a fellowship of people who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, who are indwelt by the Holy Ghost, and who share together one life— the life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In northern Ireland, the size of a church is assessed in terms of the number of families. The most searching test of the quality of a church's life is to consider its homes—the families that are linked with the church. I want to take my text as a window through which we may look into a New Testament home. "When Peter had considered the thing," says our text, "he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying."

It is interesting that this home is spoken of in terms of the woman, not the man. It may be that she was a widow, but nevertheless it is not without significance, for very often it is the mother who makes the home what it is. I want you to observe with me from this text three things which mark this New Testament home, and which, I believe, should be the outstanding qualities of every Christian home.

First of all, it was a home to which people instinctively went when they were in need. "When Peter considered the thing," when he recovered his senses, when he discovered what God had done for him in the amazing, miraculous deliverance from jail. When he stood there a free man and yet in desperate need of help, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John.

You will observe that it was not a church to which Peter went, but a home. One of our great weaknesses today is that we look upon the church building as the base of all of our testimony and activity for the Lord. What tremendous strength there would be in the fellowship of a church if every home was a base of operation instead of just one church. That is always the New Testament conception.

Why did Peter go to Mary's home? I suggest to you that her wealth of spiritual experience was widely known. He went there because he knew that she was the kind of woman who would be able to help him in the time of difficulty. Do you think it is possible that your lack of spiritual experience is the reason why so few people come to your home when they are in trouble? Would they fail to come to you because they have no reason to think that you are the kind of person who could really help them?

They came to Mary's home, the neighbors went there and Christian people went there—she didn't have to go chasing after them. How much of our Christian activity is spent chasing after unconverted people who run to get away from us! Oh, what a need there is in Christian lives today for attractive Christian living — not a greater knowledge of doctrine, but a winsomeness, a radiance, a sweetness, a graciousness, a love, a gentleness that attracts to Jesus Christ.

The word, "pleasing," here is the word you get in the Beatitudes—"blessed are they" and the real meaning of the word is: "a happiness to be envied." I wonder how many of us are living like that, of how many people could it be said, "If only I had what she's got." Alas, let's admit it in the presence of God today—we are often so keen, so orthodox, so conscientious, but we are desperately unattractive.

They came to Mary when they were in trouble or in need, and they wanted help, comfort, strength, wisdom and guidance. She was known, not only for the quality and the depth of her Christian walk and character, but I am sure she was known as a woman who knew the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have often noticed in the New Testament how people came to the disciples and said to them, "Sirs, we would see Jesus." And the disciples came to Jesus time and again and said, "Master, all men seek for Thee." It must have been very humiliating for them to have to admit that they were not good enough, that people were seeking for Christ and these disciples did not have the thing that these

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Evangelical in Sentiment

Although the volumes listed below obviously do not reflect all the convictions of all evangelical groups, they either (1) set forth major doctrines in a significant manner; (2) presuppose such doctrines in an attempted application to modern problems; (3) attempt a serious solution of some problem on an evangelical approach which, while not necessarily endorsed, should be known; or (4) present the evangelical mind in some other attractive way.

G. C. Berkouwer, *Faith and Justification.* 207 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. Third volume in the series of dogmatics. The position of salvation by grace through faith is maintained against the neo-orthodox subjective righteousness.

G. C. Berkouwer, *The Person of Christ.* 368 pp. Eerdmans. $4.00. Believing that there is a basic "incompatibility between Modernism and the Christian faith," and that dogma and missions are closely related, the Dutch theologian contends that the Church must not stutter when it speaks about Christ.

F. F. Bruce, *Commentary on the Book of the Acts—The English Text with Introduction, Exposition, and Notes.* 555 pp. Eerdmans. $6.00 His second commentary on Acts, this one drawing on years of study, but designed for the pastor and lay teacher who know no Greek.

Mark G. Cambron, *Bible Doctrines—Beliefs that Matter.* 288 pp. Zondervan. $4.50. A manual of systematic doctrine on the Bible institute and Bible college level, suitable also for lay leaders and Sunday school teachers.

Elsie E. Egermeier, *Bible Story Book—A Complete Narration from Genesis to Revelation for Young and Old.* Story revisions by Arlene S. Hall. 640 pp. Warner Press. Price, $3.95. Some stories shortened and rewritten, making this a very attractive volume with colored illustrations.

E. Schuyler English, *Re-thinking the Rapture—An Examination of What the Scriptures Teach as to the Time of the Translation of the Church in Relation to the Tribulation.* 123 pp. Southern Bible Book House. $2.00. Reprint of articles which appeared in *Our Hope* magazine.

Charles E. Fuller, *The Tabernacle in the Wilderness.* 96 pp. Revell. $1.50. Messages given on the Old Fashioned Revival Hour broadcast last fall, which aroused a great deal of interest and response.

Frank E. Gaebelein, *The Pattern of God's Truth—Problems of Integration in Christian Education.* x, 118 pp. Oxford. $2.50. The Thomas lectures at Dallas Theological Seminary. Basic considerations and implementation of the Christian message and ethic in educational work.

Robert D. Culver, *Daniel and the Latter Days.* 221 pp. Revell. $2.50. The Book of Daniel is approached from a solid premillennial basis, and the main passages pertaining to the future are expounded.

Clarence E. Macartney, *The Woman of Tekoah and other Sermons on Bible Characters.* 160 pp. Abingdon. $2.00. Biographical preaching on some minor characters in the Bible by the dean of biographical preachers.

F. E. Mayer, *The Religious Bodies of America.* 587 pp. Concordia. Comparative studies of sects and denominations with critical evaluation from the Missouri Synod Lutheran viewpoint. Of textbook proportions.

Olaf Moe. *The Apostle Paul—His Message and Doctrine.* xii, 489 pp. Augsburg. $4.75. Sequel to his earlier volume on Paul's life and ministry. Solidly biblical in emphasis, containing a treasure-house of information.

Eguene A. Nida, *Customs and Cultures—Anthropology for Christian Missions.* 320 pp. Harper, $4.00. Containing the Payton lectures at Fuller Theological Seminary for 1953. Practical observations for missionaries and linquists.

J. Edwin Orr, *Good News in Bad Times.* 259 pp. Zondervan. $3.50. Spiritual backgrounds of the present revival movement, with details of many significant conversions, campaigns, and awakenings.

Arthur W. Pink, *An Exposition of Hebrews.* 3 vols. Baker Book House. $17.95. An extended exposition of this important doctrinal espistle by one who has spent many months in it. Special attention is paid to the apologetic value for verbal inspiration of the Bible.

Bernard Ramm, *The Christian View of Science and Scripture.* 368 pp. Eerdmans. $4.00. A fearless and scholarly approach to a major problem, attempting to hold the evangelical line wherever it can take a defensible stand.

Robert Rendall, *History, Prophecy, and God.* 127 pp. Paternoster Press, London. 8/6. Continuity, progression, crisis, and unity— these all characterize the biblical revelation of history and prophecy, as a layman develops it around the redemptive and Messianic features of the Word.

Alexander Ross, *The Epistles of James and John.* 249 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50. Fifth volume of the New International Commentary on the New Testament series. Warmly devotional and deeply evangelical, with Greek exegesis.

Erich Sauer, *From Eternity to Eternity—An Outline of the Divine Purposes.* Tr. by G. H. Lang, 207 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00. Basic biblical guidebook to the unfolding of God's redemptive program, with chart. This is the key to the author's other two volumes, and was enlarged from the German original and issued in this English version largely because the former was in this list last year.

W. Graham Scroggie, *The Unfolding Drama of Redemption—The Bible as a Whole.* Vol. I. 505 pp. Revell. $9.00. A synthesis approach to the Bible using outlines, diagrams, charts and maps. Capstone of Scroggie's work.

T. S. Soltau, *Missions at the Crossroads—The Indigenous Church, a Solution for the Unfinished Task.* 183 pp. Van Kampen. $2.50. Former missionary to Korea contends for native workers as church leaders.

Ned B. Stonehouse, *J. Gresham Machen—A Biographical Memoir.* 520 pp. Eerdmans. $5.95. Writings out of intimate association with the giant of orthodoxy, and employing vast archives of material, the author has produced an exciting and historically pertinent biography which should stimulate young evangelical scholars.

Merrill F. Unger, *Archeology and the Old Testament.* 339 pp. Zondervan. $4.95. The popular appeal and the scholarly foundations of the subject are combined in this comprehensive illustrated manual.

John F. Walvoord, *The Holy Spirit—A Comprehensive Study of the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.* 275 pp. Van Kampen. $3.50. A systematic treatise covering the whole biblical range of teaching on this most important doctrine of pneumatology.

Edward J. Young, *Studies in Isaiah.* 206 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50. A survey of the history of the interpretation of Isaiah for the last hundred years, with a series of studies on special problems in the book.

IFICANT BOOKS

March 1, 1955

Of Significance to Evangelicals

Volumes listed below are *not evangelical* in sentiment and are so designated either because (1) they are doctrinally inarticulate, obscuring their evangelical loyalties; (2) they clearly reflect various degrees of departure from evangelicalism, yet represent a viewpoint or achievement with which evangelicals should be familiar; or (3) they are compilations of representative viewpoints and hence necessarily are not exclusively evangelical.

Karl Barth, *Against the Stream—Shorter Post-war Writings,* 1946-52. 252 pp. Philosophical Library. $3.75. Recent materials from the mind of one of Europe's leading theologians, including Christianity and politics, the Jewish problem, revelation and the church.

G. R. Beasley-Murray, *Jesus and the Future—An Examination of the Criticism of the Eschatological Discourse, Mark 13, with Special Reference to the Little Apocalypse Theory.* 287 pp. St. Martin's Press. $5.00. An extensive review of the interpretation of this passage with a new attempt at solution.

Emil Brunner, *Eternal Hope.* 232 pp. Westminster. $3.50. A philosophico-theological treatment of the problem of hope and of the biblical answer.

The Christian Hope and the Task of the Church—Six Ecumenical Surveys and the Report of the Assembly, prepared by the Advisory Commission on the Main Theme, 1954. Various pagination. Harper. $5.00. Background material prepared for the WCC Evanston Assembly.

Daniel-Ropes, *Jesus and His Times.* Tr. from the French by Ruby Millar. 615 pp. Dutton. $5.00. Roman Catholic life of Jesus (the author's real name is Henri Petiot) which was most popular book published in France since World War II, and went through 400 printings.

Simon Doniger, ed., *Religion and Human Behavior.* xxii, 233 pp. Association Press. $3.00. Fifteen monographs, some of which appeared in *Pastoral Psychology,* dealing with the rehabilitation of humanity.

Herbert H. Farmer, *Revelation and Religion—Studies in the Theological Interpretation of Religious Types.* xi, 244 pp. Harper. $3.50. The first volume of the Gifford lectures delivered at Glasgow in 1950. The attempt is made to show that God is trying to "get through" in all the major religions, but succeeded only in Christianity.

George Ferguson, *Signs and Symbols in Christian Art. With illustrations from paintings of the Renaissance.* xii, 346 pp. Oxford. $10.00. A most beautiful volume with over 350 illustrations. Sixteen full pages in color.

Nels F. S. Ferre, *Christian Faith and Higher Education.* 251 pp. Harper. $3.00. More than the title might indicate—this is a basic theological and philosophical treatise on the subject. Ranges through education, religion, communication, and the basic disciplines.

J. E. Fison, *The Christian Hope—The Presence and the Parousia.* 279 pp. Longmans. $4.50. An orientation of Christian hope centered in love—a meeting and being in love with Christ now as the basis of future consummation.

Norman F. Furniss, *The Fundamentalist Controversy, 1918-1931.* 207 pp. Yale. $3.75. History and description of the movement in the '20's, with special emphasis on the anti-evolution phase, and treatment of the movements within the major denominations.

Herbert F. Hahn, *Old Testament in Modern Research.* 267 pp. Muhlenberg. $4.00. A useful survey of Old Testament criticism and related matters with some observations on the weakness of the Wellhausen school.

Le Roy E. Froom, *The Prophetic Faith of our Fathers—The Historical Development of Prophetic Interpretation.* Vol. IV: "New World Recovery and Consummation of Prophetic Interpretation." 1295 pp. Review and Herald. $8.50. This completes the set of four volumes.

Edward R. Hardy, ed., *Christology of the Later Fathers.* 400 pp. Westminster Press. $5.00. The Library of Christian classics series, Vol. 3. Christology is always of importance, and this additional volume in the series enriches our literature on the history of doctrine.

James A. Kleist, tr., *The New Testament—Rendered from the Original Greek, with Explanatory Notes.* 702 pp. Bruce. $5.00. The third Catholic translation of the New Testament from the original Greek to appear recently.

Willis C. Lamott, *Revolution in Missions.* 288 pp. Macmillan. $3.50. A survey of the great task of missions in the light of present and changing conditions. The approach is mostly in the ecumenical mood and conciliatory.

Edwin Lewis, *The Biblical Faith and Christian Freedom.* 224 pp. Westminster Press. $3.50. The problem of interpretation approached from the materials of biblical introduction. An outline for a philosophy of interpretation based on the individual's acceptance of the revelation.

John Marsh, *The Fulness of Time.* 189 pp. Harper. $3.00. Of current interest in Christian eschatology in terms of biblical theology. Uses the disciplines of lexicography, criticism, and doctrine. Sees a distinct Hebrew concept of time opposed to the Greek and modern.

Cynthia Pearl Maus, *The Old Testament and the Fine Arts.* 826 pp. Harper. $5.95. An anthology of pictures, poetry, music, and stories illustrating the Old Testament. Companion volume of her *Christ and the Fine Arts.*

John E. L. Oulton, ed., *Alexandrian Christianity.* 475 pp. Westminster Press. $5.00. Selected translations from Clement and Origen. Some of this material appears in English for the first time.

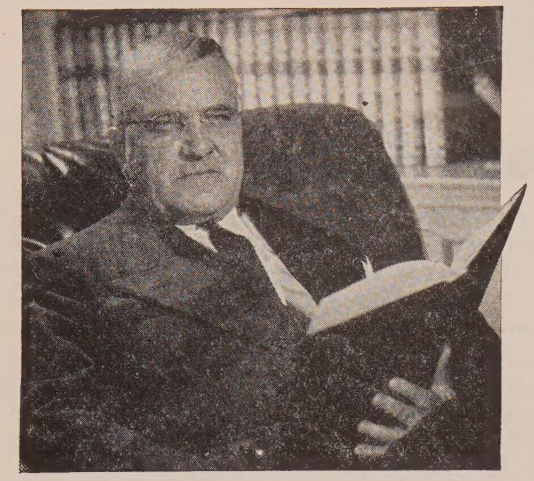
Ruth Rouse and Stephen C. Neill, eds., *A History of the Ecumenical Movement, 1517-1948.* xxiv, 822 pp. Westminster. $9.00. The definite history of church movements toward cooperation and union.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Bible Commentary, edited by Francis D. Nichol. Vol. I: Pentateuch. 1120 pp. Review and Herald. $10.00. Significant because it is the first major effort of the movement to deal with the whole Bible systematically. The set will consist of seven volumes.

Frank G. Slaughter, *The Song of Ruth—A Love Story from the Old Testament.* 317 pp. Doubleday. $3.75. Significant as a sample of the strong bid for the popular reader in the direction of biblical materials, representative of themes that are being filmed by Hollywood.

Paul Tillich, *Love, Power, and Justice—Ontological Analyses and Ethical Applications.* 127 pp. Oxford. $2.50. An attempt to link these three qualities together metaphysically and to clothe them with ontological dignity.

Jesse Burton Weatherspoon, *Sent Forth to Preach—Studies in Apostolic Preaching.* 182 pp. Harper. $2.50. Presents the driving impulsion of the ministry in our day based on the impetus given the apostles by their Lord.



Observations of The Scholars

On Religious Books of the Year

A SYMPOSIUM

I

Old Testament

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The contributions from conservative writers in this particular field continues to be just a trickle. From the busy pens of E. J. Young and Merrill Unger there come new volumes. Professor Unger's *Archeology and the Old Testament* (Zondervan) is a splendid addition but it is in a field already fairly well covered. There are a number of fine books in the field of archeology by liberal scholars and by conservatives there is at least the volume by Dr. Joseph P. Free.

E. J. Young's *Studies in Isaiah, My Servants the Prophets* and *The Messianic Prophecies of Daniel* (Eerdmans) contributions. Dr. Young's writings regularly contain excellent summaries of the history of criticism during the last one hundred years and critical analyses of those positions. The studies of Professor Young during the last few years have set a good pattern. They have followed in the train of the great apologists of the first quarter of this century.

Although he does not declare his own position, in Herbert F. Hahn's *Old Testament in Modern Research* (Muhlenberg Press) we have an excellent survey of the many varied conclusions reached by liberal critics in the area of Old Testament Introduction.

In a survey of this character one should not overlook the one volume *The New Bible Commentary* (American Edition, Eerdmans), 1953. The American contributions were Leviticus by O. T. Allis, Numbers by A. A. MacRae, and Daniel by E. J. Young.

Two newcomers to this field this year are Dr. J. Barton Payne with his *An Outline of Hebrew History* and Robert D. Culver *Daniel and the Latter Days.* The first of these two volumes is a usable text for a survey in O. T. History. The latter volume treats quite adequately the problem of premillennarianism with special references to the interpretation of the book of Daniel.

When we have listed these particular volumes it must be clear that they are literally a trickle as compared to the need. The field of O. T. and Semitics could very well include besides volumes on archaeology, apologetics and introduction, volumes relating to Accadian, Arabic, Aramaic, Coptic, Egyptian, Ethiopic, Greek, Hebrew, Hittite, Persian, Phoenician, Sumerian, Syriac, Ugaritic as languages, and could include works on comparative linguistics, historical, and geographical items. The field thus seems to be quite vast and the production very limited.

It must be obvious that we conservatives are not making great inroads in this area! It is not enough, however, that we should berate ourselves because we have not done more. We should analyze the existing situation to see if we can discover why we have not done more and then perhaps work systematically in the direction of improving the situation. The problem is created by the fact that too many of the persons who are capable of doing this type of research are loaded down with teaching and administrative duties. When the Lord's people realize the strategic importance of this type of work perhaps some of them will catch the vision of doing some missionary work in this area and providing funds adequate for the endowment of chairs of research as well as making it possible for the proper persons to have a limited teaching load so that time may be spent in research and in writing. I should like the burden of my report to rest at this point. It should not rest on the limited production. It should not rest on the amount of work that could be done. It should place a burden upon those people who are in a position to do something about it. These people are not the scholars but the Christian public.

II

New Testament

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For a number of years there has been a dearth of scholarly works reflecting the evangelical point of view in the field of New Testament studies. Those who sought to undertake serious research on New Testament problems were forced either to read reprints of older works, many of which have recently been republished, or else to read and adapt to their own purposes liberal theological and critical works. Neither procedure proved very satisfactory; for the reprints were often out of date both in facts and in phraseology, the liberal works are so often founded on doubtful premises that their conclusions cannot be used by conservative thinkers.

A new departure has been long overdue; and it is gratifying to see fresh works of genuine merit coming from the evangelical presses. A fruitful study in the apostolic age is F. F. Bruce's *The Spreading Flame* which offers an evangelical integration of the apostolic period with the history of the church down through the sixth century. The same writer has contributed a volume on Acts of unusual excellence to the New International Commentary. This series, although still not completed, is one of the best achievements of 1954. The second volume of Hendriksen's *Commentary on John,* the first in a projected series on the entire New Testament, is also a very useful work. In eschatology Dr. Froom, of the Seventh Day Adventists, has completed his monumental four-volume work, *The Prophetic Faith of our Fathers,* which reviews the progress in the entire

field of eschatology since the apostolic church, Popular expositions of biblical books like those in the "Life" commentaries by Roy Laurin have multiplied.

There is need for many more serious works in the New Testament. The work which Dr. Ladd began on *"The Kingdom of God"* should be elaborated and completed. An accurate, dispassionate textbook on eschatology from a conservative standpoint is a desideratum. It could be used profitably as a textbook in theological classes. A writer would need rare delicacy and discernment in treating this thorny subject, since the differences among evangelical Christians are almost legion. If the subject were treated fairly, however, few evangelicals would protest if it did not represent their particular viewpoint on all issues. A New Testament introduction of the scope of Zahn's tremendous work, brought up to date and presenting an integration of the literary and theological development of the New Testament, is greatly needed. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls has opened an entirely untouched area for investigation by conservative scholars, and one that may yield important results. New Testament Theology, the Synoptic Problem, and the ever fascinating intricacies of the biographical details of Christ and of the apostles offer tremendous possibilities for further work.

Just as some are called to be preachers, or teachers, or pastors, so some are called to be scholars. There remains more truth to be discovered and formulated for the use of God's people by men who will take research and writing as a missionary task.

III

Sermonic Literature

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Evangelicals are not living up to their opportunities in the area of sermonic literature. Why do the evangelical publishers have to reprint such a vast amount of the sermons of yesterday's pulpit masters? Maybe ours today lack the quality they should have.

Revell seems to be leading in the reprint field with the *Westminster Pulpit* series of G. Campbell Morgan; the Great Pulpit Master series, giving us in separate volumes the best preaching of Moody, Spurgeon, Sam Jones, Jowett, F. W. Meyer, Talmage, A. J. Gordon; and their *Treasury* series of Alexander Whyte, R. A. Torrey, etc.

Zondervan reprints F. B. Meyer and Spurgeon in many volumes. Eerdmans gives us the sermons of Geo. W. Truett and Calvin. Baker reprints the sermons of Spurgeon, H. Bonar and Wm. Clow. The University of California Press brings out 10 volumes of the great English Puritan preacher, John Donne.

Yes, we do have some new sermons from today's evangelical preachers. Abingdon is always bringing out a new volume by Clarence E. Macartney. Zondervan publishes a volume by Robert G. Lee now and then, and has recently given us one by W. A. Criswell, Truett's successor, with another to come. Broadman contributes sermon volumes by Perry Webb of San Antonio, and another by Roy C. Angel of the Southland. The Sword of the Lord Publishers have recently sent out four good small volumes of sermons, two by Lee Roberson, one by Oswald J. Smith, and another by John R. Rice. There are others, of course, but I think this shows a little of the paucity of today's offerings compared with the production of the men of the past. And the quality might stand improvement.

What type of sermons should evangelicals submit to publishers? Doctrinal sermons are always in demand. Expository sermons through books of the Bible are needed. Sermons on prophecy always attract. We need a volume of good sermons to youth. Children's sermons will always have a market. Sermon series on the Cross, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Parables, the Beatitudes, and Bible Characters can be counted on to sell. Sermons on Prayer, Soul Winning, Victorious Christian Living are always needed. I think a volume of good Special Occasion sermons would fill a need. But let's not have any more atom bomb, H-bomb, or C-bomb sermons for a while. No, nor any psychological sermons!

How does one get sermons in shape to be published? Two ways mainly. Write them out in full before preaching them, then revise them carefully and rewrite them. Or, have your best sermons tape-r e c o r d e d, transcribed, typewritten, then revised, condensed and rewritten for publishing.

Publishers, I think, wish sermons with attractive titles, interesting introductions, logical organization, gripping illustrations, which deal Scripturally with important themes in the light of today's living conditions.

Reprints of the Year

CARL F. H. HENRY

THE selection of the fifteen best reprints of 1954 quickens the realization of how rich a heritage the twentieth century church possesses in the labors which the saints of past generations invested in the study of the Word and its related themes.

In some ways, the list of selections for the past year may appear less impressive than previous announcements.

But the restorations program is really more comprehensive than any annual list indicates. One reason for this is that, with the first appearance of a volume in a set, the annual list has announced the entire series, although actual publication has continued over a period of years. A number of publishers, among them some not listed below, are engaged presently by such long-term projects.

And yet, with the gradual shift of emphasis from outstanding evangelical literature of the past to sturdy contemporary literature, which will carry forward the evangelical heritage while displaying its specific relevance to current shades of thought, a decline in the intensity of the restorations program is inevitable. Some evangelical publishers, with commendable insight into the necessities of the contemporary theological situation, have shifted the main burden of their production to works of live authorship. The annual list of "must reading," compiled this year by Dr. Arnold Ehlert, will bear evidence of solid contributions, indicative of the vitality and alertness of the evangelical mind.

Any list of selections is necessarily subjective, reflecting the convictions of a given reviewer; some will be disappointed by certain omissions, and others by certain inclusions. But in this reviewer's opinion, the most significant 1954 reprints were the following:

David Baron, *The Servant of Je-*

hovah. $2.95. Zondervan. 158 pgs. A God-blessed exposition of Isaiah 53 is this Hebrew missionary's reply to the ancient and modern Jewish synagogues.

David Brown, *The Epistle to the Romans*, $2.50. Zondervan. 152 pgs. Practical and still homiletically useful is this devout Scottish principal's commentary.

Thomas Crawford, *The Doctrine of the Atonement* (4th ed.) $4. Baker. 538 pgs. A front-ranking work on the Bible doctrine of the atonement by a keen Scottish mind.

Edwin C. Dargan, *A History of Preaching.* 2 vols.. in one. $7.95. Baker. 1168 pgs. In its survey of pulpit personalities, convictions and gifts from apostolic times to our century, Dargan's work is still without a peer.

Alfred Edersheim, *History of the Jewish Nation.* $4.20. Baker. 553 pgs. A standard sourcebook, by a noted Hebrew Christian, on Hebrew history after the destruction of Jerusalem.

Charles John Elicott, ed., *Commentary on the Whole Bible.* 8 vols., $5.95 each. Zondervan. The majestic "Bible Commentary for English Readers" prepared by Ellicott and 25 first-line scholars late in the 19th century.

Matthew Henry, *The Quest for Communion With God.* $1.50. Eerdmans. 110 pgs. The popular devotional commentator's useful guide for beginning, spending and closing the day with God.

Abraham Kuyper, *Principles of Sacred Theology.* $6.95. Eerdmans. 683 pgs. Long out of print and sought after was this able Dutch Calvinist's prolegomenon to systematic theology.

Joseph B. Mayor, *The Epistle of St. James* (3rd ed.). $6.95. Zondervan. 596 pgs. Far and away the ablest scholarly discussion of James, its authorship and message.

G. Campbell Morgan, *The Westminster Pulpit.* 10 vols., $36. Revell. The periodically-issued Morgan volumes recapture some of the best biblical exposition of our century, long out of print.

John Owen, *The Holy Spirit: His Gifts and Powers.* $3.95. Kregel. 356 pgs. The renowned Puritan's study of the Spirit's name, nature, personality, dispensation, operations and effects.

William M. Ramsay, *The Church in the Roman Empire Before 170 A.D.* (5th ed.). $4.20. Baker. 510 pgs. Ramsay's competent study of the status of Christianity in the two first centuries.

George L. Robinson, *The Book of Isaiah* (Rev. ed.). $2.50. Baker. 175 pgs. Still one of the finest shorter treatments of Isaiah, profitable for personal study.

Joseph A. Seiss, *Lectures on Hebrews.* $3.50. Baker. 408 pgs. In some ways the best of Seiss' efforts is this doctrinal exposition of Hebrews, with its practical thrust.

William M. Thompson, *The Land and the Book.* $4.95. Baker. 718 pgs. The restoration of the nation Israel quickens interest in these observations of Bible land manners and customs made during 30 years of missionary effort.

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A Great Year

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even sheet music. A very interesting and useful feature is "News You Can Use," consisting of announcements of all kinds regarding books and authors. An extensive list of books recently published and shortly to be published in the field of religion is one of the most interesting departments in the magazine. Librarians of religious schools will probably be the second group to become interested in this new periodical.

The Lists

The lists themselves seemed to be a little easier to compile this year, possibly due to the fact that a wider range of titles was closely at hand in connection with the publication file. The titles for the lists are not selected with any consideration to publishers involved, but on the basis of the significance of the contents. Significance is of course an intangible quality, as it might relate to any of a number of things. Lay readers, pastors, ministerial students, and professors of religion were primarily in mind. The major fields of religious literature came out to be fairly well represented. As to evangelical publishers, again Eerdmans came out well in the lead with eight titles. Revell and Zondervan followed with three each. Harper had seven titles, one of which is in the evangelical list. Westminster Press had five. It is interesting to note that in a list of "The Year's Best in Religious Books" selected by Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area of the Methodist Church, and published in *Saturday Review* for March 5, 1955, not one of his twenty-eight titles is found in either of our lists. We shall probably be criticized for selections on both lists, and omissions too, but it must be remembered that no two people would select even a major percentage of the same titles from so large a list of possibilities.

Evangelical Book Store in Panama

PANAMA CITY.—With Brig. Gen. William K. Harrison offering the dedicatory prayer and thus publicly declaring his support of the project, the first evangelical bookstore in Panama City was opened March 5 by the Latin America Mission.

A crowd of Panamanians, Canal Zone residents, and military chiefs gathered in the centrally-located new store for a brief dedication service at 10 a.m., and the store did a rushing business the rest of the day. The event was doubly significant in the light of recent re-emphasis on the importance of evangelical literature distribution in Latin America.

Both English and Spanish books and records are being sold in the new "Editorial Caribe" store, according to LAM director R. Kenneth Strachan, who was present at the dedication. The original Editorial Caribe store is operated by the LAM in San Jose, Costa Rica, where its publication offices are also located.

The Panama store was partially made possible by a subsidy from Evangelical Literature Overseas, USA organization which is fostering literature activities throughout the world.

Action EDITORIAL

JAMES DeFOREST MURCH, Editor

The NAE and Books

It is encouraging to know that the National Association of Evangelicals has a conscience on Christian literature. Its concern is reflected in our Spring Book Number.

Early in the history of the NAE a Book Commission was appointed to encourage the development of a strictly evangelical literature and to guide evangelicals in the choice of books true to the orthodox Christian faith. Annually this Commission releases the "NAE List of Significant Books" in two sections: "Books Evangelical in Sentiment" and "Books of Significance to Evangelicals." We carry the 1954-55 list in this issue (pages 6 and 7).

To Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of Fuller Theological Seminary goes the credit for yeoman service as the pioneer head of this Commission. His scholarly background, his wide reading, and his masterly grasp of the theological issues involved enabled him to accurately analyze and identify religious literature and to make his contribution of incalculable value to evangelicals. In Dr. Arnold D. Ehlert, librarian at Fuller, NAE has an able successor to Dr. Henry. Under his direction this service is becoming more and more significant. On page 3 Dr. Ehlert takes a look at the past year in the book field and makes some very pertinent observations.

Evangelicals have far to go before they will be able to recapture their historic leadership in the religious book world. They are making commendable progress in some respects but there is need for greater application, better implementation and larger sacrifice of time, talent and money if the evangelical crisis is to be met with adequate evangelical equipment.

Our encouragement of writers, editors, publishers and purveyors will do much to pave the way toward better days ahead in evangelical Christian literature.

The Cardinal Doctrine

Easter-tide brings to the fore the cardinal doctrine of the Christian system—the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This is well.

The early disciples believed that Christ died for their sins, according to the Scriptures; He was buried; and He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures. From the beginning of the Church that was the Gospel.

Without the resurrection there would be no Gospel, there would be no Church, there would be no hope of eternal life. Without the resurrection the first disciples, after the tragedy of Christ's death, might have gone on believing in His philosophy and theology. They might have clung to the ethical principles of Jesus. But they would have had no incentive or empowerment to undertake the evangelization of the world.

What produced the miraculous change in the weak, discouraged men who stood "afar off" at the crucifixion? They became the spiritual conquerors of the world because they had witnessed the actual resurrection of the Son of God from the dead and knew for a fact that He was God and Saviour. They had something to tell upon which hung the hopes of humanity for all time. They had not only an intellectual comprehension of the eternal principles which Christ had taught them but an historical, experimental message, "He is risen." They had a new empowerment and a compulsion which sent them to the ends of the earth to turn the world upside down for God.

So it is well that we give renewed emphasis to the resurrection at this season. There is still the danger that Christians will give allegiance only to Christ's theology and philosophy and a "way of life" based merely on the ethical standards of a wandering Jewish prophet. We need again to realize that He who rose from the dead is God and Saviour whom to know aright is Life Eternal.

John R. Mott

We have hesitated to speak any word concerning the amazing ministry of Dr. John R. Mott who passed to his reward early in February. The ages and God must judge him. We cannot.

Since his student days at Cornell he has been a dedicated man. Touched by the old Student Volunteer Movement and its missionary passion he sensed deeply the divine fact that if the world is to believe, God's people must manifest their unity in Christ. He gave his life to the achievement of such a unity.

His genius for organization was back of Edinburgh and was reflected in the succession of ecumenical conferences which eventuated in Amsterdam and the World Council of Churches. There is scarcely a world organization of any consequence which has not felt his influence.

Dr. Mott was a Methodist layman who, strangely enough, was also a canon of Washington Cathedral (Episcopal), held a Doctor of Divinity degree from the Greek Orthodox Theological Seminary in Paris and was welcomed in churches of all denominations. He was not only ecumenical in his widely-diffused ministries but he was ready to compromise any doctrinal distinctive for the sake of unity. He had a Christology which motivated a supreme commitment but which was in many respects so unbiblical and indiscriminate as to obscure the true Christ of revelation.

Federation and ecumenicity were his obsessions. To promote these ends he refused flattering offers of business, ambassadorships, college presidencies. He became a counsellor of presidents and kings and once received a Nobel prize.

Here was a prince of a man who had "a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge." We pray his example may be used of God to inspire men of equal endowments and an unswerving loyalty to the Holy Scriptures, to a distinctly evangelical ecumenical ministry in the crucial days ahead.

The Christian Home

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people needed. The people of the world, we always say, are so indifferent to the things of God but they can always distinguish when there's real godliness in a Christian worker. They will bypass the man who is so busy that his life has lost its radiance, and will seek for the man and woman who have truly walked with God.

Doesn't this go right to the heart of the need of the church life? Alas, the spiritual ignorance, the spiritual immaturity, the impatience, the quickness to take offense, the criticism, the unsympathetic words—there is so much that is repellent about our Christian testimony that other people just won't come to us when they are in trouble. Something is wrong, not with our doctrine, not with our beliefs, but with our character. Oh, that our homes would be like Mary's home, where people instinctively would go in time of need.

The second thing that emerges from this text is this: Mary's home was a home in which people knelt in prayer. "He came to the house of Mary the mother of John, when they were gathered together praying." I am sure that it wasn't the first time that people had met for prayer in that home. I have a feeling that John Mark would often remember the sound of voices lifted up to God in prayer.

I think of one home especially where I know a father or a mother could take me around every room of that home and tell me of answers to prayer that have taken place in that very room—a home where burdens are shared, a home marked by serenity and strength, an absence of strain and rush, where there is gentleness in conversation and sweetness in spirit and graciousness in manner. Could that be your home?

I heard sometime ago of a busy housewife who was seeing her husband off in the morning to business. Things had been a little more hectic than usual in that home for the last few days, and as he went out he said to her, "I think you need a day off." "Just like a man, could I ever take a day off?" she retorted angrily. She hadn't read her Bible lately, there had been no quiet time in that home for awhile but that day she took her Bible and she read of the woman who was sick with the fever, and the Lord touched her and her fever left her. She said, "Lord Jesus give to me and my home that touch today. Touch my home, take away from it the coldness, the formality and the deadness and once again Lord Jesus give us Thy love." When her husband came home that night he looked at her and he said, "Oh, I see you took the day off, did you?" You see what I'm talking about don't you? It is perfectly simple but very practical.

They knelt in prayer in Mary's home and they took the burdens of other people upon their hearts. Everything didn't just center around their own little family circle with their troubles and their complaints. There was always a concern for other people —that's why other people went there.

Do you think that there's a room in your home which, if the walls could speak, could tell of prayers offered and wonderful answers. Could you say to me, "Pastor, you see that chair? My neighbor next door was unhappy—it wasn't a Christian home and trouble and gossip had started there. I went last week and left her some flowers. Nobody had ever done that before and she cried. Then she came just a day or two ago and unburdened her heart to me. I opened the Word of God to her and told her about my Saviour and she knelt down beside that chair, pastor, and there she was born again." Do things like that ever happen in your home? Is it a home in which people kneel for prayer?

There is one other thing that I want you to observe from this text. It was a home from which people went out into the service of the Lord. In the 25th verse of this chapter we read, "Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John whose surname was Mark." This wasn't a home simply where people came in and out to visit, but where people went in and out—in for prayer and out to serve, a home that was a true center and a base of missionary operation.

In that mother's heart, even though she might have been a widow, there was a great concern regarding her son, John. Many times she went to the Lord and said, "Lord, I have given this boy to you, I want to see him out in the field, I want to see him a missionary, I want to see him blazing a trail for you." How many parents make that their ambition?

Isn't it true that many of us are satisfied to see our children grow up and have a good job and perhaps step right out of the will of God in doing it. Our greatest longing is to see them happily married and living not too far away so that we may continue to have, at least part of them. How many fathers and mothers really make the supreme longing of their heart that at least one member of their family will blaze a trail for God?

If I know anything about a mother heart I'm quite sure that the day when John Mark went to this mother and said goodbye as he set out for missionary service for the first time, there was many a tear shed. But I'm sure that when he'd gone Mary knelt down and thanked the Lord for an answer to prayer.

You see, the test of a church is not its crowd, not its money, not its preacher but its homes! Let's search our hearts about this thing. We've got our orthodoxy, we've got our doctrine, we've got our belief, we've got our finances—God has blessed us in these things and we are thankful indeed to our Heavenly Father. But how rich are we in terms of Christian families and Christian homes like that? Have we homes where people come when they are in trouble because the wealth of our spiritual experience draws them? Have we homes where people meet around one common mercy seat and frequently kneel in prayer, and when people are burdened they know perfectly well that somebody in that home will understand? Have we homes whose supreme passion and desire is that at least one of our children might blaze a trail for God on the mission field of the world? Has God been looking through the window of your home today and put His finger upon some spot, and showed you that you haven't got the thing that people want today? In spite of what you believe, in spite of your orthodox church attendance, in spite of your sacrificial giving, somehow in your heart and in your home is there a lack of the ring of sincerity and reality? Are sympathy and graciousness and love and kindness and tenderness missing? Would you look up into the face of the Lord Jesus today and say, "Lord Jesus Christ it's you I need, come into my home and make it like Mary's home"?

"O God our Father, may Thy Holy Spirit be searching our hearts today and if there be in our homes that which is empty, that which is formal, that which is superficial, that which is a contradiction of all that we believe, Lord Jesus Christ have mercy upon us and come afresh in all the fulness of Thy Spirit into our hearts. Make them tender and loving and Christlike, and make our home, my home, a base of operation to which people may come when they are in need, where we often kneel in prayer and out from which home there shall go one precious jewel to serve the Lord. For Jesus sake! Amen."

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Drop Marriage Pact

The United States is shelving plans to come to any formal agreement with Spain on the marriage of American servicemen based in that country, according to reports in the Nation's capital. USA government officials who have been studying this matter in Washington have indicated that plans for the formal agreement were dropped because of vigorous protests which had been submitted to the State and Defense Departments concerning any marriage pact with Spain.

The protest of the National Association of Evangelicals was voiced by its President, Dr. Henry H. Savage, who sent letters to the State and Defense Departments on December 28, 1954, urging that the United States refuse to be party to any agreement with Spain by which the marriage of Protestant GI's stationed in Spain would, in effect, be regulated by Roman Catholic canon law. The marriage agreement was reported to be entitled "Procedural Agreements Relating to Religious Welfare," which agreement was worked out in Spain through representatives of the Roman Catholic Church. This tentative agreement was signed in Madrid on November 18, by Major-General August W. Kissner, head of the Joint U. S. Military Group, which was working on this matter.

The danger of this agreement with Spain lay in the fact that it would have been an arrangement approved by representatives of the Vatican, and therefore would really have been a three way agreement involving the United States, Spain and the Vatican. Furthermore, the proposed agreement would have given special recognition to the Vatican in cases of mixed marriages between the Protestant GI's and Spanish citizens.

The protest of Protestants in the United States served to bring before government officials the true nature of the relationship between canon Roman Catholic law, and Spanish civil law. The dominance of the Roman Catholic Church in Spain, and the strangle hold control of the Catholic Church on Spanish civil affairs has been brought to the foreground in the negotiations which have been carried on concerning this marriage agreement.

If the agreement had been approved by the United States, it would have set a precedent in the field of religious agreements with other nations, and it woud have put the USA in the position of passive agreement with the situation which exists in Spain. One of the nation's leading papers indicated in an editorial that there may be greater danger in this type of an agreement than in the appointment of a US envoy to the Vatican. In any case it is recognized on every hand that any such agreement would necessarily have contradicted the well-founded American principle of Separation of Church and State.

Aid to Education

Federal aid to the school systems of the nation is coming into focus as one of the primary issues to face the 84th Congress. Numerous bills have been entered in this Congress which would in various ways grant federal aid to education, some by direct grants for school construction, and others by support of schools by way of scholarship grants and by other means.

The majority of these bills specify that federal funds will be available only to "public" educational systems. There are, however, two notable exceptions to this rule.

A bill introduced in the Senate (S772) and sponsored by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, would provide that all income from oil and gas reserves of the outer continental shelf (federally owned) would be used in grants in aid to primary, secondary, and higher education. This particular bill includes no wording to the effect that it should be used for "public" education.

Another bill which has gained the opposition of all those who have supported consistently the principle of separation of the Church and the State, has been bill (HR1791), which was introduced by Congressman John E. Fogarty of Rhode Island, providing for five hundred million dollars of federal funds to be spent on school construction over a period of five years. This bill does not specify that it is to be used for "public" education. Congressman Fogarty has made the statement that this bill would be handled in the same manner as the Hill-Burton Act for Hospital Construction, which did not specify as to whether a hospital was to be private or public, nor as to its religious affiliations, in order to gain federal aid.

Senator Hill has also entered a bill (S5), which would provide that five-hundred million dollars of federal money would be designated for school construction in the public educational system of the various states. The bill specifies that this grant would be made each year, for a period of two years, thereby covering a total of one billion dollars of federal funds during the coming two years.

The Administration proposals on federal aid to education are contained in S968, which was introduced by Senator H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, and which provides for an overall program of federal support—mostly in loans to the various educational systems. This bill does sepecify that it is to be for the benefit of "public" education. This bill, which embodies the President's recommended program, has been attacked by various Catholic groups on the ground that it does not provide for their educational systems. The statements of the various Roman Catholic officials have been intended to make it appear that there is discrimination against private educational undertakings in certain states.

In addition to these bills, there are others which would provide scholarships for students, and still others which would provide for aid to various youth projects to combat juvenile delinquency. Some of these bills specify that they are to be used for "public" purposes, while others omit this wording.

Obscene Literature

The 84th Congress has received a number of bills dealing with restrictions on publication, transportation, and distribution of obscene literature.

In a report which was just recently issued by the Senate Sub-Committee on Juvenile Delinquency, it was stated that there remained a serious "loophole" that allowed the mailing and handling of pornographic materials across the inter-state lines. At the same time, the Solicitor of the Post Office Department, Abe M. Goff, issued a statement in which he estimated that there had been a recent increase of 73% in the amount of obscene materials which are being entered in the mails.

The Post Office Department has for some time been urging the passage of a bill that would grant the Postmaster General the authority to impound certain mails in cases where it had been determined by the Postmaster General that the mails were being used for the distribution of obscene and fraudulent material. These general provisions are contained in bill HR174, which was entered by Congressman Edward H. Rees of Kansas, to which bill the Post Office Department has recently recommended one or two minor changes, in order to satisfy certain groups such as the American Bar Association, who have felt that the bill was of a "censorship" nature.

Several bills have been introduced which would prohibit the inter-state transportation of obscene material. Bill S599 for this purpose was introduced in the Senate by Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois. On the House side, bills for this purpose were introduced by Congresswoman Ruth Thompson of Michigan (HR3333), and by Congressman Kenneth B. Keating of New York (HR321). Another bill which would give authority to the Post Office Department to declare certain materials non-mailable was entered by Congressman Abraham Multer of New York (HR683).

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"Biographical Preaching for Today." Andrew Waterson Blackwood. 224 pp. Abingdon. $3.00.

Books of biography are enjoying an increasing sale, indicating popular interest in this form of literature. Dr. Blackwood believes that the mood and needs of the age adapt themselves to values in biographical preaching in our day more than the past generation. This book represents the matured convictions of many years on this type of ministry.

The treatment is in two sections, "Preaching Strategy," in which the needs of the listener are discussed, and "Sermon Tactics," in which the part of the preacher is considered. "Preaching means interpreting the truths of God so as to meet the needs of the hearer today, and guide him in doing God's will tomorrow" (p. 17). The needs of man outside the church, inside the church, young and old, enthusiastic and depressed—these all can be met effectively often by biographical preaching. Examples of typical outline analyses are given, and personal experiences—including some mistakes—are shared with the reader. The style is lively and stimulating.

"The Christian View of Science and Scripture." Bernard Ramm. 368 pp. Eerdmans, $4.00.

The absence in our day of a tradition of conservative scholarship comparable to that which existed at the end of the nineteenth century has been a concern to many Evangelicals. Bernard Ramm, recently appointed Director of Graduate Studies in Religion at Baylor University, has undertaken to restore a type of scholarship which will approach the findings and pronouncements of contemporary science with a perspective which is distinctively Christian.

The first four chapters comprising roughly two-fifths of the book, deal with an analysis of the basic problems involved in the relating of Scriptural insight to scientific theory and practice. The author is especially concerned with the weaknesses within Evangelical Protestantism, which have either allowed the victory to go to a non-Christian type of science or else left the discussion of the basic issues involved to those whom Ramm calls the "hyperorthodox," whose attitudes toward science have been so negative as to prevent any possible *rapprochement* between them and the "modern Mind."

Professor Ramm seeks to profit from the mistakes which the "hyperorthodox" have made, particularly in the area of attitudes, inconsistencies, and the undue shrinking of the Evangelical battleground. Assuming that Science and Christianity need each other, Ramm seeks to explore the points of positive relationship and possible *rapprochement* between them. He is incisive in showing the problems at issue: the relationship between investigation and theory-making, the question of the interpretation of the language of Scripture, the mutual lack of appreciation, and the dogmatic rejection of the theistic postulate by men of science. His analysis of the language of Scripture, as popular, prescientific and non-postulational, is worthy of careful study.

The latter three-fifths of this work is devoted to the discussion of specific areas of overlap between theological and scientific study. These are: Astronomy, Geology, Biology and Anthropology. It is, of course, impossible to survey the author's findings in these areas in a book review. His discussions are thorough, frank, and maintain a high level of competence. He concludes that the study of the universe itself points increasingly to the basic soundness of the pronouncement of Genesis 1:1. With respect to the findings of Geology, he believes that a harmony of Scripture with the *best* in science can be achieved upon the basis of (1) the pictorial-day theory of the Six Days, (2) a moderate concordism, and (3) a progressive creationism.

Ramm's discussion of the theories advanced by modern Biology seeks, negatively, to show the biologists have by no means reckoned with *all* of the relevant data, and positively, to establish that progressive creationism affords the best possible ground for a constructive interaction of Evangelical Christianity with contemporary science. In his discussion of Anthropology, he surveys a wide field of evidence with a few basic principles in mind: that the evidence points to a relative recency for man's advent on earth; that the race is basically a unity; and that it is impossible to account for the higher qualities of man upon a naturalistic basis. His conclusion is, "Until we get further light from science or archaeology we must suspend judgment as to any final theory of the harmonization of Genesis and anthropology."

This is an encyclopedic work. Not all will find themselves in agreement with positions which the author favors with reserve, such as that which restricts the Flood to a limited branch of mankind, or that which asserts that there is a difference between fossil man and biblical man. It is a volume which is comparable to those of James Orr, J. W. Dawson and Asa Gray, and which is as worthy of a place in the "required reading" of Evangelicals today, as were theirs at the turn of the last century.—*Harold B. Kuhn.*

"Modern Christian Movements." John T. McNeill. 197 pp. Westminster. $3.50.

According to the introduction the purpose of this short collection of essays is to fill in some gaps in information available to present day Christians. Accordingly the author treats English Puritanism, German Pietism, the Evangelical Movement in England, the Ecumenical Movement in its historical perspective, and the modern Roman Catholic Church. While these essays are not, and were not intended to be, exhaustive in their treatment, there is a great deal of factual material of value. Perhaps the most satisfactory are those dealing with German Pietism and, strangely enough, the modern Roman Catholic Church. The first essay on Puritanism defends them against the charges hurled against them by Max Weber and his followers, but fails to take into sufficient account their doctrinal position.

While a certain objectivity is both necessary and desirable in historical writing, the book displays a doctrinal indifference which is not reassuring in this day of intellectual and moral conflict. Even more disturbing is his chapter on the ecumenical movement, which gave this reviewer the very distinct impression that broad church union was considered so necessary that to compromise on doctrine is in order for achieving such a purpose. One suspects that support for the ecumenical movement was the real reason for writing and publishing the book.—*Gregory Singer.*

"The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers." Volume I. LeRoy Edwin Froom. 1006 pages. Review and Herald. Price $5.00.

Dr. Froom has produced in a four-volume work the most comprehensive, authoritative and scholarly study of Bible prophecy in existence. This incomparable record of the historical development of prophetic interpretation is the result of sixteen years of research and study in Europe and America. Each volume contains a full bibliography, good index, copious footnotes and valuable appendices, and is a complete entity within itself, in addition to being logically and consecutively related to the whole series.

Volume I covers the period from the Old Testament to the Renaissance. Dr. Froom favors the Historicist interpretation of prophecy rather than the Futurist interpretation, which is that of the type of premillennialism associated with the Scofield Bible and numerous fundamentalist Bible institutes and colleges. In our opinion he overemphasizes the 2,300 days of Daniel 8, the Sabbatarian fixation and other Adventist doctrines. Nevertheless, the author's scholarly objectivity and intellectual honesty combine to produce a work which is being highly recommended by biblical scholars in every school of thought. Volume I is an incontrovertible answer to the "liberal" view that the pre-millennial second-coming of Christ is only a doctrine of comparatively recent advocacy in the history of the Christian Church.

We gladly commend this work to our readers. We count it a privilege to have *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* in our library.—*James DeForest Murch.*

"The Messianic Prophecies of Daniel." Edward J. Young. 88 pp. Eerdmans. $1.50.

The Professor of Old Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia deals with a specific aspect of Daniel in this monograph, which is not a commentary as such. Dr. Young accepts the reasonableness of the sixth century dating of the book and accepts the apocalyptical form as true prophecy. He rejects the parenthesis view, but identifies the fourth beast of Chapter seven with the Roman Empire. The period of the seventy weeks is discussed at great length with the conclusion that the beginning and the ending cannot be identified, but that the six purposes of 9:24 were accomplished in Christ. This is a serious study of the question from the Reformed viewpoint.

"Studies in Isaiah." Edward J. Young. 206 pp. Eerdmans. $2.50.

This is a collection of eight articles that appeared in *The Westminster Theological Journal.* They deal with the history of interpretation of the book during the past century, and the Immanuel prophecy (7:14-16). As such these articles are not a commentary, but monographs belonging to the realms of introduction and biblical theology. Dr. Young comes at the second major section with a strong conservative emphasis, hoping to bolster and encourage conservative scholars to hold to the "true meaning of the prophecy." He finds the suffering Servant to be the Messiah, but the Messiah as Head of His Body, the Church" (p. 125), and the word "virgin" he prefers as the truest translation of "almah" in 7:14. Throughout the book there is a wealth of scholarly discussion which reveals a vast amount of study. In fact the author hopes to issue eventually a full commentary on Isaiah, which would be the first really major commentary on the book since 1900.

"The Catholicity of Protestantism; Being a Report Presented to His Grace The Archbishop of Canterbury by a Group of Free Churchmen." Edited by R. Newton Frew and Rupert E. Davies. 159 pp. Muhlenberg. $1.75.

Some few years ago the Archbishop of Canterbury requested three groups to summarize their beliefs with regard to the common faith of the Church. These were the Catholic Anglican, the Evangelical Anglican, and the Free Church. The first group reported first with a document entitled "Catholicity." The Evangelicals compiled a report called "The Fullness of Christ," and now comes the Free Church report in the form of this volume. The basic purpose of these projects was to reaffirm the core of faith which runs through these three large divisions of British Christianity, and to foster the spirit of ecumenicity between them. Recognizing the impassible gulfs involved, the report strives for a basic understanding on the essential doctrinal positions of the various major branches of Christen-

dom. "We already find our unity in Christ, and the natural issue of our unity is closer union" (p. 146).

"The Tabernacle in the Wilderness." Charles E. Fuller. 96 pp. Revell. $1.50.

This volume of addresses delivered over the Old Fashioned Revival Hour was prepared in connection with the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the radio ministry of Dr. Fuller. Eleven messages cover the main features of the tabernacle structure and furnishings. The style has been left much the same as the radio delivery, and while the expositions are brief they will be treasured by thousands of listeners who heard the series and who want a review of the subject.

"The Septuagint Bible; The Oldest Version of the Old Testament, in the Translation of Charles Thomson . . ." as edited, revised and enlarged by C. A. Muses. xxvi, 1426 pp. Falcon's Wing Press, Indian Hills, Colo. $6.50.

A sampling of this translation in various places with careful comparison of Rahlf's text leads to the conclusion that this work leaves much to be desired. In most instances the reader will get a reasonably good understanding of what the Septuagint says, but he cannot be sure of sustained accuracy. At times the translation proceeds without due regard for the Semitic idiom behind the Greek. This results in such bald literalism as, "You will not by death die" (Gen. 3:4). A similar situation obtains in Genesis 3:14, "From all the cattle," etc. Three times in one chapter (Deut. 6) *ta dikaiomata* has a different translation, without any apparent reason, reminding one of the verbal diversity of the King James. Many inaccuracies in tense were detected. Presumably these were present in the translation of Charles Thompson on which this work is based, but the revision has not been adequate. Perhaps the appearance of this work will stir some young Christian scholar to devote his life to the producing of a definitive English translation of the Greek Old Testament. The present work will be useful for such a future enterprise. The bookcraft is splendid, the large bold type making reading a pleasure.—*Everett F. Harrison.*

"The Art of Christian Living." Lawrence McCafferty. 171 pp. Putnam. $3.00.

"Christianity is Christ; and Christ is Life; and Life is the Spirit; and the Spirit is apprehended only by living men and women, individual souls, who realize their need of salvation. . ."says the author in this stimulating restatement of the essentials of the faith. The book will interest only those "to whom Jesus Christ is more than a myth or an historical figure."

Three double aspects of Christianity are singled out for discussion in the central part of this treatise: prayer and fasting, intelligence and understanding, and faith and love. There is a philosophical approach to the problem, but nonetheless an evangelical warmth in the book. The contemplation of the saints is drawn upon frequently to point up the vitality of the Christian life. The author is an instructor in philosophy comparative religion and world culture at UCLA.

"Treasury of Philosophy." Edited by Dagobert D. Runes. xxiv, 1280 pp. Philosophical Library. $15.00.

Astonishing compilations continue to flow from this press. The present volume is a fat book containing 375 excerpts from as many philosophers, or near philosophers, ranging alphabetically from Peter Abailard and Isaac Abravanel to Zeno of Elea and Zeno the Stoic. Chronologically coverage extends from the sixth century B.C. to the present. The distinctive feature of this anthology is the variety of representation not usually found in such a work—Oriental and less known writers being included, some represented only by fragments, and much of the material appearing in English for the first time. By the same token this is a hard book to evaluate. Certainly brief fragments (in many cases a page or less) cannot give a fair picture of the thought of a man, but on the other hand there are brief biographical sketches for each man, and an excerpt is better than nothing.

A few sources will serve to give the general pattern of the work. For Albert Schweitzer, "The Philosophy of Civilization"; for Dean Inge, "God and the Astronomers"; for Jean Paul Sartre, "What is Literature?" and for Kierkegaard, "Papirer." The compilation would appear to be useful as a reference work, particularly for the minor contributions. The sketches show the place and importance of each writer in the broad field of philosophy.

"Good News in Bad Times: Signs of Revival." J. Edwin Orr. 259 pp. Zondervan. $3.50.

No one will dispute the contention that the times are bad, and no one who reads this book will question Dr. Orr's thesis that there is good news. Few, if any, would be better able to recount the spiritual background of the present revival movement, or movements, than the author, who has witnessed firsthand many phases of it, in fact most of them, and has himself contributed to revival under God in many countries.

Taking up the early roots of the present awakening in an opening chapter, "Three Generations Ago," he goes on to speak of college awakenings, the Hollywood Christian Group, the Los Angeles meeting of Billy Graham, the Christian youth movements and church revivals. This is not a complete record, but will become a valuable reference work in tracing the background of the mid-century upsurge of religious life. The Holiness movement, the Old Fashioned Revival Hour and some others could have been given a larger place than they received.

"A Doctor's Great Commission." Thomas A. Lambie. 288 pp. Van Kampen. $3.50.

This is a reprint of "A Doctor Without a Country," with additional material, continuing the fascinating story of Dr. Lambie's pioneer medical work in Africa and the last project he undertook—the building of the Berachah Tuberculosis Sanitorium in Bethlehem, Jordan, where he finished his service for the Lord in 1954. He died a few at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem recount-days before Easter while he was standing ing what he expected to say at the Easter service to be held there.

This is the kind of book to put into the hands of young people and missionary study groups. It reads easily and swiftly, but with a tremendous challenge to commit one's own life to world-wise missionary endeavor. Heartaches and disappointments recorded are part of the story, but the triumph is typical of those who give all for Christ.

"David." Piero Bargellini. 165 pp. P. J. Kennedy & Sons.

Bargellini is one of the most voluminous and prominent of artistic writers in Italy. He is in charge of the fine arts affairs of the city of Florence. Of the more than sixty books he has written, this is the first to be translated into English. Written in close fidelity to the Scriptural account, and using such additional material as would only make a well-rounded literary piece in our own modern form, this appreciative life of David reads smoothly and easily, and sparkles with simple beauty, even in translation. It does seem to lack, however, the warm spiritual qualities that an evangelical writer would usually exhibit.

"Signs & Symbols in Christian Art." George Ferguson. With illustrations from paintings of the Renaissance. 346 pp. 16 mounted plates in full color and over 350 illustrations. Oxford. $10.00.

From Genesis to Revelation the Bible is full of symbols and pictorial language. Hardly a church or meeting hall is built that does not contain some form of religious symbolism in its architecture, furnishings or decorations. Illustrated Bibles, Bible story books, and all audio-visual aids used in teaching the Bible and our Christian faith make use of pictorial symbols and representations. This is nothing new. God used object lessons in the Garden of Eden. Christ employed all kinds of pictorial aids both actual and described. The church through the ages has followed these examples.

Some object to symbolism in art and sculpture, and it is true that it has been misused from earliest times. Yet some of these same people are most lavish with symbolic interpretation of Scripture in the non-pictorial realm. Every board and nail in the tabernacle may have a meaning, but one must not make pictures of crosses or hearts, they would insist. It is all right to anchor one's soul and cling to the Rock of Ages, but we must not have a picture of either anchor or rock in our church windows!

Regardless of one's attitude toward these things, this book will help to explain the meaning of hundreds of things that have been used to represent realities. The bunch of grapes and the stalk of wheat are easy for most people to interpret (although the meaning of the latter is not exhausted with its connection with the bread), but what does the fish mean that is so often found in early Christian inscriptions? What is the significance of the goldfinch in the Tiepolo Madonna? These and a hundred other questions will be answered in this volume so beautifully done up. There is even a mounted plate on the front of the jacket. Some Protestants will object to the prevalence of Catholic materials, but the title includes the broad field, and it is even good that the meanings of symbols be understood, even if one is to object to them.

The book has already gone into a second printing, and it is one of the really fine gift books of the year.

"Jesus and His Times." Daniel-Ropes. Tr. from the French by Ruby Millar. 615 pp. Dutton. $5.00.

Lives of Christ are always coming out. The distinctions of this one include the fact that in its original French editions it has gone through 400 printings, and English is the fifteenth language into which it has been translated. Daniel-Ropes (which is a pseudonym for Henri Jules Charles Petiot) is a Catholic and a historian. He writes with fervency and literary excellence which make this a delightful volume to read even for Protestants, who will have to overlook the obvious allusions to post-biblical embellishments to the story here and there. Miracles are certainly not stumbled at, but are presented in simple realistic fashion. The dual nature of Christ is portrayed clearly. "As a man like other men, Jesus is a fit psychological study, but the moment we seek to fix a human trait in his personality we realize that this trait is in communion with the other side of his nature, that it is rooted in it and therefore escapes our definition" (p. 299).

The post-resurrection appearances of Jesus the author places in what he calls "the second life of Jesus." In discussing the victory over death through the resurrection, the author takes time out to deal with the various explanations that have been put forward to explain it. He concludes that "the doctrine of the Resurrection is the evidence of a supreme realism and upon it rests the whole body of Christian morality and sociology" (p. 592).

"Love, Power, and Justice: Ontological Analyses and Ethical Applications." Paul Tillich. viii, 127 p. Oxford. $2.50.

Given as Firth lectures in Nottingham, England, and as Sprunt lectures in Richmond, Va., these seven addresses seek to correlate and expound the intrinsic problems of love, power, and justice. The author tries to prove that "the ethical nature of love is dependent on its ontological nature, and that the ontological nature of love gets its qualifications by its ethical character" (p. 5). "Love, power, and justice are metaphysically speaking as old as being itself . . . They have ontological dignity" (p. 21). In the body of the book the ontological foundation and relationships of each of these is developed and the book ends rather abruptly with the application to the "holy community," the Church.

"The Book of Isaiah; an Exposition." Charles R. Erdman. 160 pp. Revell. $2.00.

Dr. Erdman has covered the Pentateuch with his small survey volumes, and comes now to the prince of prophets. The book is merely a running outline of the development of the thought, and is interspersed with the text. As a synopsis it is good, but its brevity limits its usefulness.

"A History of the Ecumenical Movement, 1517-1948." Edited by Ruth Rouse and Stephen Charles Neill. xxiv, 822 pp. Westminster. $9.00

A great deal of work went into this volume, which is sure to become the standard reference work on the subject. Fifteen contributors and other researchers combined under an able editorship to set forth this elaborate chronicle. The World Council

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Macy to Be Director New Central Regional

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Executive Board of the Central Region National Association of Evangelicals has announced that Rev. Mahlon L. Macy, present minister of the Piedmont Friends Church in Portland, Oregon, will begin his services as the Regional Director of the Central Region on September 1.

Mr. Macy is a native of Idaho, received education at Cascade College, George Fox College, Berkeley Baptist Seminary, and completed his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1949 at the Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland. He is completing three years with the Piedmont Friends Church, has had experience with work in Evangelical Released Time Education and other interchurch activities. Central Region leaders express themselves as "fortunate in securing his services, and the four-state area of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma looks forward to a period of growth and expansion among all the evangelical forces under the leadership of Brother Macy."

The Executive Committee of the Central Region Board is composed of Rev. C. S. Meinhardt, Topeka, chairman; Rev. C. E. Fast of Enid, Oklahoma, vice chairman; Rev. A. E. Janzen of Hillsboro, secretary; Rev. D. J. Unruh of Newton, treasurer; Mr. G. H. Willms of Newton, chairman of finance committee; Rev. E. F. Walters, Hutchinson, the constitution committee; Dr. Burton B. Thurston, Manhattan, publicity; and Dr. Roy Hollomon of Topeka, consultive member. All evangelicals in the four-state area are urged to indicate their interest by prayer and support with a word to this effect to C. S. Meinhardt, 1014 Lawrence Street, Topeka.

Raley Heads NAE's Great Lakes Region

TOLEDO, Ohio.—In a constitutional convention held here recently an organization was effected which set up the new Great Lakes Region of the National Association of Evangelicals. This region comprises the states of Michigan and Ohio with the possible future inclusion of part of Indiana. Plans are being formulated to employ a regional director who will begin his work in early fall.

The officers of the organization are: President, Rev. Virgil Raley of the Free Methodist Church, Ferndale, Mich.; Vice President, Rev. Irvin S. Yeaworth of the First-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; Secretary, Rev. Paul Ryser of the Trinity Friends Church, Van Wert, Ohio; Treasurer, Rev. Fred T. Fing of the Evangelical Congregational Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

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Evangelical Group's "Christian Oscars"

PHILADELPHIA—Clifton Macklin, leading actor, and H. Kenn Carmichael, director, of the film "Angel in Ebony" were named winners of the top "Christian Oscars" for 1954 by the National Evangelical Film Foundation here.

"Angel in Ebony," produced by Missions Visualized Inc., also was named the Best Christian Motion Picture of the Year. The same company's "The Way Out" won the top award for 1953.

Sam Hersh of Family Films, Inc. was designated Producer of the Year. Winners of "Christian Oscars" in seven other categories also were announced.

Harry G. Bristow, Jr., founder-director of Christian Youth Cinema Inc., a religious film distributing agency which sponsors the Foundation, said the "Oscars"—in the form of plaques and citations—will be presented at the first NEFF Christian Film Festival to be held here May 14-21.

Each night during the festival, he said, one of the award-winning films will be presented at Christian Youth Cinema Theatre here, a movie house sponsored by the foundation which presents religious motion pictures on a year-round basis.

Although the NEFF was founded in 1946, the "Christian Oscars" were instituted only three years ago. Other awards to be presented in May and their recipients are:

Outstanding Bible Film — "The Stones Cry Out," Moody Bible Institute.

Documentary of the Year—"Our Bible—How It Came to Us," American Bible Society.

Best Youth Film—"Son of Man," Colburn Productions.

Best Children's Film—"Fiery Furnace," Moody Bible Institute.

Best Personal Evangelism Film — "Missionary to Walker's Garage," Family Films Inc.

Musical of the Year—"Sunday on the Range," Great Commission Films Inc., Delata Productions.

Best Home Missionary Film—"Workers Together With God," Family Films Inc.

No awards were announced for four categories in which they were presented last year. These were foreign missionary films, sermon films, family worship films, and film strips.

H. L. Lundquist Returns to Radio

CHICAGO.—Dr. Harold L. Lundquist has begun a new Radio Program called, "Time for Questions," over radio station WAIT (820 kc) in Chicago.

The broadcast heard at 5 PM each Sunday will be sponsored by the Evangelical Welfare Agency of which Dr. Lunquist is Executive Director. The program will feature questions regarding personal Christian conduct in the light of the Word of God. In many instances Dr. Lundquist will dwell on relationships in the home, and possibly make references to the work of the Agency which is to place children in spiritual Christian homes for foster care and adoption.

Dr. Lundquist was associated with the Moody Bible Institute for twenty-two years as professor of English Bible, dean of the Educational Division and associate editor of *Moody Monthly*.

Dr. Lundquist is probably best known to radio listeners for his Sunday School lessons and the "Question Box" broadcast, which he conducted for seven years until just recently. He has also written several books, a favorite being entitled *Dynamic Christian Living*.

—INTER - CHURCH—

Circuit Riders Question Pastors on Desegregation

CINCINNATI.—Circuit Riders, Inc., crusading Methodist laymen's group with headquarters here, is polling ministers to discover how consistent they are in their views on desegregation of the races. Returns received so far indicate some of the most vocal advocates of the doctrine are not practicing desegregation in their local parishes.

The questionnaire follows:

1. Do you believe church legislation to change or retain the present denominational and local autonomy of the negro and white members provides one of the greatest problems of 1955 and 1956? Yes No
2. Are you genuinely interested in improving the general well-being of negroes in employment, wages, standard of living? Yes No
3. Does your congregation employ a church office stenographer or secretary who is of a race different from that of the members? Yes No
4. Would the pastor of the average white or negro church be able to maintain harmonious relationship with his congregation if he employed a church office secretary of the opposite race? Yes No
5. Is your local church membership ex-

pected to be given an opportunity to vote during 1955 and 1956 on retaining or changing local or national church customs on inter-racial matters as related to the church itself? Yes No

6. Does your local church operate on a regular and casual inter-race basis both as to formal church services and social activities? Yes No

7. Does your church parsonage have inter-racial social functions? Yes No

8. Does your denominational leadership favor, or has it legislated regarding intimate inter-racial social relationship? Yes No

9. Do you believe either the negro or white ministers or congregations are ready for integration when so little voluntary or actual practice is in effect? Yes No

10. Do you believe a church or church organization or individuals who do not have a recent record of full racial integration should raise subjects of community relationships by publishing statements or demonstrating publicly regarding the integration or non-integration of privately owned enterprises? Yes No

RADIO - TV

Southern Baptists Plan Multi-Million Program

NEW YORK—The Southern Baptist Convention is launching a multi-million dollar program to reach 65,000,000 unchurched Americans through radio and television, a Convention official announced here.

The long-range program calls for:

Immediate extension of the Baptist Hour radio program into five new metropolitan areas, including New York, having a potential listening audience of 51,000,000.

Filming of a series of half-hour color television programs.

Distribution of pre-tested scripts to 30,000 Southern Baptist churches for presentation of live religious telecasts on local stations.

Construction of a $200,000 Radio-Television City at Fort Worth, Tex.

Further extension of the Baptist Hour program into additional communities at a later date.

The five-point project was described at a press conference here by Rev. Paul M. Stevens, director of the Convention's Radio and Television Commission.

The Commission now has its headquarters at Atlanta, Ga. It will move to rented quarters in Fort Worth early this summer to supervise construction of its Radio-Television City.

When the new center is complete, it will provide office space for the commission as well as professionally-equipped studios for production of filmed TV and recorded radio programs. The estimated $200,000 cost is exclusive of equipment and furnishings.

Missionary Broadcasters In Worldwide Conference

CHICAGO—Missionary broadcasters from all parts of the world meet June 16-19 at the World Conference on Missionary Radio in Chicago, at Moody Bible Institute. The Conference is designed to help coordinate missionary efforts in an all out offensive around the world.

On exhibit will be startling new technical developments—new weapons for the missionaries—making possible the evangelization of the world in this generation. The problems of government relations in these crisis days, programing, equipment, personnel, etc., will be freely discussed in panels and workshops. World-renowned speakers, up-to-the-minute films and the best in radio music will be featured.

All correspondence inquiries concerning the World Conference on Missionary Radio should be sent to Dr. C. W. Jones, Talcotville, Connecticut, who is acting as chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spokane Lays Plans For Twin Convention

SPOKANE, Wash.—The sessions of the National Sunday School Convention for Spokane are to be held in the newly-finished coliseum seating 8,000. For the first time in ten years the National Convention sponsored by NSSA will have all workshops under one roof.

Checking coliseum facilities at Spokane recently were three men responsible for local arrangements. Rev. Sherman Williams, Jr., Washington State representative for NSSA; Rev. Clate A. Risley, general secretary for NSSA;

CHECK SPOKANE COLISEUM

Sunday School Leaders Prepare for Twin Convention (See "Sunday School")

and Rev. Don Allgor, the Spokane Sunday School chairman.

The NSSA's Tenth Anniversary Twin Conventions will be held October 5-6-7 in Spokane and October 26-27-28 in Providence, Rhode Island. The conventions are to be identical.

Hudson-Mohawk Area Sunday School Rally

LOUDONVILLE, N. Y.—The first Area Sunday School Rally sponsored by the Hudson-Mohawk Fellowship of Evangelicals, was held recently at the Jermain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Watervliet. The feature speaker for the afternoon and evening was Dr. Henrietta C. Mears, one of the founders of NSSA, director of Christian Education of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, and editor-in-chief of Gospel Light Press. Nearly two hundred pastors, superintendents and teachers attended the Sunday School program clinic. The Audio-Visual Aids session presented two new Moody productions: "Know Your Child" and "Fiery Furnace." About 125 people remained for the covered dish supper where problems of Vacation Bible Schools were presented and discussed. Dr. Mears spoke to over five hundred people at the evening hour on "Building a Better Sunday School."

EVANGELISM

Graham in Scotland Ends Crusade May 1

GLASGOW, Scotland.—With audiences ranging from 10,000 to 15,000 in huge Kelvin Hall—sometimes twice a day—Billy Graham is stirring the British Isles again with revival. From 100 to 500 responses to the invitations of the Gospel are recorded daily.

Scotland's response to Evangelist Graham, has astonished even the highly experienced Jerry Beavan, his publicity director. "In London last year we had to fight our way in at the beginning," says Beavan. "Here in Scotland, weeks before opening date, we had more requests for seats, extra meetings, visiting speakers than we could satisfy."

Glasgow's Kelvin Hall (seating capacity 11,000), where the meetings are being held, is ranked as one of the largest covered buildings in Europe. Three-fifths of the total seating capacity for the whole period was booked solid six weeks ahead of the opening of the crusade. It could have been booked completely, but the policy was to hold accommodations for those coming without reservations.

Hampden Park stadium has been given free of charge to the crusade for the final rally on Sunday, May 1. If the weather is favorable, this rally should far exceed that which ended the London campaign and drew 120,000 to Wembley Stadium. If permission is given to allow the crowds on to the playing arena, Hampden could hold 180,000 and thus house easily the biggest religious service the world has ever seen.

In Scotland, Graham has had backing from the "Tell Scotland" movement, which represents the Church of Scotland and seven other denominations.

Greater London Crusade Results Are Analyzed

GLASGOW, Scotland — Mr. Lorne Sanny, a member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team, and Director of Follow-Up for the 1954 Greater London Crusade, has made available the results of a nine month survey of the recorded decisions for Christ which occurred during the Crusade in London last year.

Mr. Sanny pointed out that "The results of the survey as indicated in the completed statistics have been obtained from replies have come into our office from more than 2,500 London area ministers."

The results of the survey follow in itemized order.

1. The total number of persons who made a recorded decision for Christ during the Crusade, and who were enrolled in the follow-up programme of the Crusade, was 34,661.

2. The total number of persons reported on in replies from the various ministers to whom they were referred was 26,572, or 76.5% of the total. Of this number, 23,595 persons were reported to have been contacted by the ministers, while 2,977 admittedly had not been contacted by the ministers.

3. Of these persons contacted by the ministers, a total of 20,350 were reported to be regularly attending Church, and an additional 2,209 were reported as intending to attend Church

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regularly, giving a total of 22,559, or 96% who are either attending Church regularly, or intending to do so. A total of 1,036, or 4%, indicated that they were not attending Church, and did not intend to do so.

4. In a total of 18,216 instances, or 77% of the total replies, the ministers indicated that they agreed with the nature of the decision as indicated on the card sent to them. In 1,601 instances, or 7% of the total, the ministers indicated that they disagreed with the nature of the decision. In the remaining 3,778 instances, or 16% of the total, no comment was made by the ministers on this particular point.

Under this heading it may be noted that the decisions as recorded indicated that in approximately 75% of the instances, the individual was making his first commitment to Jesus Christ for his salvation; further that in approximately 60% of the instances, the individuals had not previously been a member of any Church.

In announcing the result of the survey, Mr. Sanny also pointed out that "A great many of the decisions were made by individuals living well outside the Greater London area. It has been most difficult to maintain a close link with ministers removed such a distance from the office, and this in part accounts for the fact that we do not have a minister's report on approximately 24% of the individuals who made decisions during the Greater London Crusade of 1954."

Evangelist Roberts Plans World Literature Crusade

TULSA, Okla.—Plans are being set up by Evangelist Oral Roberts to launch a worldwide program of gospel literature distribution. First field for this crusade will be the Union of South Africa, where Evangelist Roberts recently held an eight-day revival meeting in Johannesburg, with outstanding results. A total of 150,000 people attended the Johannesburg meetings and 25,000 persons came forward to accept Christ as Saviour. A permanent committee of South Africa pastors and laymen was appointed to work for the salvation of 100,000 souls in South Africa for 1955. The committee will be in charge of the Oral Roberts' ministry in South Africa.

Direction of the literature distribution program will be in the hands of editor and writer Hart R. Armstrong, formerly president of the Evangelical Press Association, and recently of the Gospel Light Press of Glendale, California. Shipments of Oral Roberts' books and tracts will begin at once to the 100,000 Souls Committee in South Africa. A second step in the literature crusade will be the writing of sixteen-page booklets on important gospel themes for wide distribution and translation. Goal for the first year will be ten million pieces of gospel literature.

Plans are also being set up for the printing of a special edition of 400,000 Hebrew Bibles to be placed in every Jewish home in Palestine. These Bibles which will include a special preface written to appeal to the mind of Jewish readers, are to be printed in Great Britain, and will be distributed in Palestine under the direction of Dr. Myron Sackett, of the Christian Friends of Israel, who has ministered widely in Palestine and the Near East.

—ASSEMBLIES—

Churches of Christ Plan Indianapolis Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Cadle Tabernacle will be the scene of the annual meeting of the North American Christian Convention April 27-May 1. Thousands of ministers and leaders in the conservative Churches of Christ (Disciples) will gather from all parts of the nation for fellowship and inspiration in the common task of "restoring the New Testament Church in doctrine, ordinances and life."

The Convention theme will be, "Lifting Up the King of Glory."

The Hon. George N. Craig, Indiana's governor, will welcome the visitors Wednesday evening. James G. Van Buren, president of the Convention and minister of the Central Christian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., will deliver the keynote address.

Among the speakers during the week will be such well-known Church of Christ personalities as Burton Thurston, Manhattan, Kan.; Delno Brown, Herrin, Ill.; Ross Dampier, McKeesport, Pa.; Fred P. Thompson, Chicago, Ill.; C. K. Thomas, Enid, Okla.; Peyton H. Canary, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Byron Lambert, Chicago, Ill.; W. R. Walker, Columbus, Ohio; Enos Dowling, Lincoln, Ill.; William Mayfield, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Ting Champie, Wichita, Kan., and Robert O. Weaver, East Point, Ga.

A new feature of this year's Convention will be simultaneous workshops dealing with church efficiency and evangelism. As in former years the closing session will center around the Lord's table and the remembrance of the death and suffering of Christ.

—EDUCATION—

Wheaton Theological Conference April 28,29

WHEATON, Ill.—Wheaton College campus will be the scene of the Fifth Annual Theological Conference with its Graduate School as host for the event on April 28 and 29. Theme for the conference will be "Keeping Up With Theology."

Visiting speakers will be Dr. T. W. Bender, Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago; Dr. G. Douglas Young, Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Dr. S. A. Witmer, president, Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Miss Arlene Peters, assistant professor of Christian education, and Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school, Wheaton College, will also participate in the program. Dr. Frank J. Neuberg, associate professor of Old Testament at Wheaton, is director of this year's conference.

Missouri Synod Leading Lutherans in Education

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—More than one-third of the total enrollment in Lutheran seminaries in the United States is in Missouri Synod seminaries, according to a report of the National Lutheran Educational Conference.

Total Lutheran seminary enrollment

in the U. S. is 3,353, with 1,178 in the two Missouri Synod theological schools.

More than 25,000 students are enrolled in thirty-one Lutheran four-year colleges in the United States and Canada, and of these thirty-seven per cent are non-Lutherans, the report also stated.

The report was prepared for the NLEC by Dr. Gould Wickey, executive secretary of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church of America.

Of the 25,795 students in four-year colleges, 15,072 are men and 10,723 are women. Included in these figures is enrollment in graduate, evening and extension courses.

Valparaiso University, a Missouri Synod Institution, is the largest Luthern university in America with approximately 2,000 students.

Family Bible Training Marks PBI Experiment

PHILADELPHIA—William A. Mierop, president of Philadelphia Bible Institute, believes that "The Family That Trains Together, Remains Together" —when that training is Bible training.

Dr. Mierop reports "We have entire families studying the Word of God at Philadelphia Bible Institute. The School recently inaugurated a new non-credit course on Tuesday evenings as a branch of our regular Evening School. The course includes classes in 'Getting Acquainted with the Bible,' 'How to Live the Christian Life,' 'Christ and You in the Tabernacle,' and 'Distinctions that Matter in Understanding the Word of God.' Some 300 people enrolled in the first twelve-week period and a number of these are parents of our Day and Evening School students.

"Many of these parents will see their children go out into the mission fields of the world to serve Christ—but they will still remain a closely-knit family because the ties of family will be reinforced by the ties of Christian love and service."

Western Baptist Bible College Gets Charter

OAKLAND, Calif.—Western Baptist College has received its coveted charter from the State of California as an educational institution qualified to grant academic degrees, according to an announcement issued by the president, Dr. H. O. Van Gilder. Two new programs are being introduced next fall, one of four years leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a Bible major, and the other of five years leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree.

In applying for a charter, the school was reincorporated as "The Western Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary" although for the present only the five year program will be offered on the graduate level.

Through arrangement with the new Oakland Junior College, some subjects in the liberal arts area will be taken there.

Another milestone in the progress of the Bible College was reached recently when the school was approved by the Department of Justice for the training students.

—PUBLIC AFFAIRS—

Colorado Protestants Push Liquor Control

DENVER—(RNS)—Eleven leaders of Colorado Protestant church groups issued a joint statement here urging passage of three liquor control bills pending in the state legislature.

The bills would define 3.2 beer as intoxicating, limit its sale to persons 21 years of age and over, and make it illegal for a tavern to be located within 500 feet of a church.

The statement, sent to the governor and the chairman of the business affairs committee which is considering the measures, said "the large majority of Colorado churches are overwhelmingly in favor of these bills."

The churchmen attacked Rep. Andrew Kelley, Denver Democrat and tavern owner, who has been leading the floor fight against the bills. They said Mr. Kelley's stand gave "evidence of what happens when there is an unholy alliance between politics and the liquor interests."

BROADCASTS ON MORAL ISSUES

Dr. Roy S. Hollomon, Superintendent of the United Dry Forces in Kansas, is shown with some of the more than 1,000 letters sent to the organization's Topeka office following one of his weekly radio broadcasts on moral issues. The fifteen-week series of broadcasts, over seven radio stations in Kansas, give listeners reports on bills in the state legislature which are of interest to church people. The talks are also aimed at guiding towns that will hold local option elections during the broadcast series.

"Representative Kelley completely ignores the moral implications of bills aimed at protecting Colorado's teenagers," the group said.

Signers of the statement included Methodist Bishop Glenn R. Phillips; Rev. Henry G. Smith, president of the Denver Council of Churches; Rev. Donald MacDonald, president of the Denver Association of Evangelicals; Rev. Leslie B. Logan, executive director of the Colorado Interchurch Temperance Movement; Rev. Edward Whittemore, executive secretary of the Colorado Council of Churches; Bishop E. M. Yost of the Mennonite Church; and Melville R. Hapgood, head of United Methodist Men of Denver.

Church Construction Breaks More Records

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Church construction activity, hitting a pace of nearly two million dollars a day during what normally is the slow season for building operations, set a new record for the month of February, the Departments of Labor and Commerce reported.

A total of $53,000,000 worth of construction was undertaken by churches in February, compared with $41,000,000 in the same month a year ago.

For the first two months of this year religious building activity was 30 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1954.

Construction by non-public schools and colleges, most of which are church-affiliated, also set a new mark in February with $39,000,000 worth of new buildings put in place. This surpassed last February's total by $1,000,000 and put 1955 construction activity five per cent ahead of last year.

Non-public hospitals, orphanages and other institutions undertook $29,000,000 worth of new construction in February, $3,000,000 above the same month last year.

Episcopal Bishop Says Military Morals Vile

RICHMOND, Va. — (RNS) — Problems of morality—including drug addiction and prostitution—have become "staggering, not to say frightening" among both American military men at Far East bases and the natives, according to an Episcopal bishop who toured Pacific areas.

The result of these vices can bring only tragedy to the Americans and natives of friendly Far Eastern countries involved, unless corrections are made, said Bishop Henry I. Louttit of the South Florida diocese. He made the report in the April issue of the *Presbyterian Survey,* published here.

Bishop Louttit, a former armed forces chaplain, surveyed military bases in Alaska, Japan, Korea, Okinawa and Hawaii last September with a committee of the National Council of Churches and the General Commission of Chaplains.

"Chaplains estimate that probably 15 per cent of the men they serve have integrity and remain loyal to Christian standards; another 15 per cent are probably incorrigible... The great middle 70 per cent can be saved or lost," he wrote.

The bishop cited the case of the Japanese city of Misawa, where there is an American air base. The town has grown from a World War II population of 500 to 5,000, and police records show 1,200 registered prostitutes, with the number rising to 2,000 on military pay days, he said. In addition, he stated, hundreds of women live with Americans on a permanent or semi-permanent basis.

"Other than sex," Bishop Louttit declared, "the main business of the community seems to be night clubs and beer halls. To further darken the picture, almost every prostitute is a pusher of narcotics."

Other tragic problems, he said, are the at least 5,000 illegitimate orphans who eventually must face a hostile world in Japan or the United States and the 3,000 mixed marriages being consummated each year. He added that "a few of our men, of course, are fortunate enough to meet high-type Japanese girls, fall in love and marry. With that, we have no quarrel."

The use of narcotics is gradually

being controlled, the bishop said, "by zealous effort and stern discipline," but venereal disease offers another health hazard.

Bishop Louttit warned that the effect of this situation on American mores may be "shattering" for generations and "cataclysmic" on Oriental mores. To meet the challenge, he urged the churches at home to show a real interest in young servicemen, proposed expanding the chaplain corps and recommended that the government provide sufficient housing for dependents overseas.

"Armed Forces Immorality Not Exaggerated"—Yaeger

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Dr. Carl F. Yaeger, associate secretary of the Lutheran Service Commission, cooperative agency of the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod disagree on reports of gross immorality in the ranks of USA military men abroad. Bishop Oxnam defends the status quo. Dr. Yaeger agrees with Episcopal Bishop Henry I. Louttit and others that conditions are shocking and should be corrected.

The Lutheran official said he assumed that Bishop Oxnam's charges of "shameful libel," "false witness" and "gross exaggeration" had some reference to his own observations of the situation, based on a tour last year of military areas in the Pacific and in Germany.

"I have no apologies to offer for my statements," he added. "They have been confirmed by many reliable observers."

Dr. Yaeger noted that a conference was held late last year between Bishop F. Otto Dibelius, president of the Evangelical Church in Germany, and the USA Army Chief of Chaplains, in which the Bishop suggested that "we cooperate to raise the moral tone of two areas in the American Zone."

He also recalled that a group of representative churchmen visited the Far East and European commands last summer and that a number of them publicity reported on the "appalling immorality in oriental communities."

These reports, he said, substantiated and went beyond the views he expressed when he discussed the problem of youth facing military service.

"The problem is one which the military will not solve alone," he added. "It has neither the time nor facilities to devote to the moral training of youth in its broader meaning. This, as I view it, is the responsibility of our civilian institutions, especially the Church."

In this connection, Dr. Yaeger said he deplored the manner in which his views were reported in much of the secular press, stressing the sensational aspects by use of such words as "sin cities" and "orgies."

"In only a few instances were the many moral and spiritual problems confronting our youth in uniform overseas viewed as a challenge to our American institutions," he said.

According to Dr. Yaeger, chaplains would be the first to take exception to the statement that the placing of gambling and prostitution "off limits" will eventually solve the problem of off-base misconduct in communities adjacent to military establishments.

"Well entrenched vice and liquor rackets continue to circumvent the law both in this country and overseas," he declared.

Denying that he had implied any indifference to the problem on the part of commanding officers, Dr. Yaeger said he underscored the fact that the armed forces had made substantial progress in spite of many obstacles in combating immorality in overseas communities.

"I was gratified to report," he added, "that there had been a noticeable tightening up of discipline within the overseas military establishment during the past year or two."

However, he pointed out that the control which the armed forces formerly exercised in communities adjacent to military establishments in occupied countries was seriously curtailed with the signing of peace treaties; many economically depressed Oriental communities welcome the establishment of immoral enterprises to prey upon our western youth; and communistic influences contribute to the demoralization of American troops.

"These factors, plus that the armed forces exercise a limited authority and control in overseas communities over the conduct of military personnel in their leisure or off-duty hours, surely does not constitute a charge of indifference on the part of our commanding officers," he said.

Dr. Yaeger reiterated that the burden of responsibility falls upon the Church for adequate moral and spiritual preparation of youth in uniform.

A factual picture of conditions in many communities overseas is needed, he said, to bring congregations and pastors to a realization of the importance of "thorough pastoral counseling of young people before induction and close contact with them during their period of military service."

Support for Dr. Yaeger's views was given in New York by Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the national Lutheran Council, who returned recently from a trip to Europe, during which he visited the new Lutheran Service Center at Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Dr. Empie told of visiting the "dark back streets" of Kaiserslautern, where, he said, "one could see Americans in uniform slipping in and out of buildings where unwholesome or worse activities went on behind heavily-curtained windows."

Expressing sympathy for "such kids away from home," he added that "they don't know the language, and since their entire pattern of normal leisure time activities is completely disrupted, they drift aimlessly and often dangerously."

Dr. Empie noted that the evangelical bishop of the area had recently sent "a stinging pastoral letter to his people, rebuking any who had rented rooms for such disreputable purposes." The bishop told them, he said, that "no matter how much they need the money, they must share the guilt for the immorality which had developed, and could not unload all blame on the Americans."

The "positive way" of reaching a solution to the problem, according to Dr. Empie, is by "spiritual preparation before our young people leave home, and spiritual follow-up to demonstrate the eternal quality of ties which bind Christians together."

Adventists Oppose New World Calendar

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Reuben R. Figuhr, international president of the Seventh-day Adventists, has asked the State Department to oppose a new world calendar which the United Nations has referred to member governments for study.

He said this calendar would "definitely disturb the religious program of many Christians, Jews and Mohommedans, and bring economic distress and inconvenience to employer and employee alike."

The proposed calendar change would create quarter years with an equal number of days and holidays always coming on the same day of the week. There would be an extra day in each year—two in leap years—that could not be counted without disturbing the equal quarters. These extra days would be called world holidays.

A number of governments have indicated support of the proposed change. Many nations, including the United States and England, have not.

Mr. Figuhr, in a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, pointed out that the insertion of uncounted days between the weeks once or twice a year would change the historic weekly cycle.

"The assumed benefits of the proposed calendar are primarily statistical and social," he said. "These cannot supersede the religious associations of specific days of the week. The 'World Calendar' in civil usage would be in continuous conflict with the biblical cycle of seven days. The free exercise of religion would thus be definitely affected."

Mr. Figuhr said that his denomination, which has more than a million members in 198 countries, is not opposed to calendar change in itself, but only to any change that would disrupt the historic weekly cycle of days.

MISSIONS

Church of 242 Gives $65,000 for Missions

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis church with 242 members gave more than $55,000 to foreign missions in 1954 and has budgeted $65,000 for this year.

Each member of Hope Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance gave an average of $226 for missions.

Rev. Russell R. Kauffman, pastor, said the "average per person was more than that of any other church in America that we know of." He added: "This little church gave more for foreign missions than any other church in Indianapolis, regardless of size."

The figures were revealed at a week-long series of meetings for the taking of 1955 budget pledges.

Mr. Kauffman said the congregation directly supports seventeen missionaries and contributes also to the general work of the Alliance.

—DENOMINATIONS—

Massachusetts Is Host To Mission Covenanters

CHICAGO.—The 1955 Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America will be held in Worcester, Mass., June 22-26.

The business meetings and the public services will be held at the Salem Square Covenant Church. The Bethlehem Mission Covenant Church in Worcester and the Salem Square Church are hosts to this 70th Annual Conference of the Mission Covenant denomination. Rev. Theodore Franklin, pastor of the Salem Square Church and Rev. Virgil Wickman, pastor of the Bethlehem Covenant Church announced that the theme for this year's conference will be, "Good Stewards of the Manifold Grace of God."

It is estimated that approximately 500 delegates will be in attendance for this conference. This is the first time that the Mission Covenant Church has held its Annual Meeting in Massachusetts. The 1954 Annual Conference was held in Rockford, Illinois.

GARBC in Kansas City For 24th Annual Meet

CHICAGO.—The 24th annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches will be held May 9-12 in Kansas City, Mo. All sessions will convene in the spacious music hall of the large Municipal Auditorium, located in the heart of the city.

The day sessions will feature expository Bible messages by pastors of the Fellowship, together with a strong emphasis on the missionary work of the Association's approved agencies and schools. Evening speakers will include Rev. John Balyo, pastor of the Hough Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. R. T. Ketcham, National Representative of the Association; Dr. R. L. Powell, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., and the closing Thursday evening session will be addressed by Dr. Sam Morris of Houston, Texas. All meetings are open to the public.

The new address of the combined offices of the Association is 608 South Dearborn, Suite 848, Chicago 5.

"Liberal" Church to Appeal Court Ruling

SALEM, Ill.—A minority of First Christian church here has served notice of its intention to appeal an appellate court decision awarding the church property to a majority group.

The five-year-old property dispute (*Action*, March 15) is over the church building and the parsonage, valued at $100,000, now controlled by a majority of the congregation. The minority alleges that the majority have departed from doctrines and practices of the Disciples of Christ.

Those in control of the property insist that the basic doctrines of the Word of God have been by-passed by the minority and cite "liberalism" in present-day missionary and other church organizations of the Disciples of Christ as an evidence of apostasy.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A bill to simplify the mailing of publications by churches and religious publishing houses under the second-class permit has been introduced in the House by Rep. James C. Wright, Jr., (D.-Texas).

It would eliminate a requirement that a church group must obtain an individually signed statement from each of its members testifying that a part of the member's church contribution goes for a subscription to the church publication.

Rep. Wright said that lodges, schools, professional and scientific societies, and many other non-profit organizations are not required to maintain subscription lists in this manner in order to enjoy the second-class rate.

Under his bill, church groups would only be required to send to the Post Office Department a simple resolution of their governing boards, the procedure followed by other non-profit organizations, Rep. Wright said.

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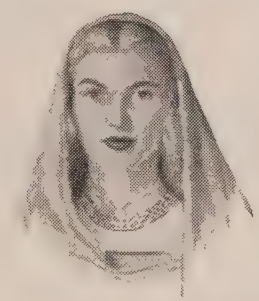

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—WORLD-WIDE—

Separation of Church And State for Norway

OSLO —(RNS)— Present trends point toward separation of Church and State in Norway, it was agreed by speakers at the annual meeting here of the Council of Organizations.

The Council is the central cooperative agency of eleven groups affiliated with the (Lutheran) Church of Norway.

Einar Amdahl, general secretary of the Norwegian Missionary Society, said he does not believe it possible that the bonds between Church and State can long be preserved in this country.

In the discussion that followed, general agreement with this view was expressed.

Tormod Vaagen, general secretary of the Norwegian Lutheran Mission, told the meeting that both the influence of the Bible and general adherence to Biblical teachings are "deteriorating" in Norway.

"If we could combine the British affection for the Bible with our clear teaching of salvation by faith alone, something new might happen in our Church," Mr. Vaagen said.

He also expressed concern over recent bills proposed by the government which, he said, indicate an attempt to "deviate from the old conception that the law of the country shall be in conformity with the law of God as outlined in the Bible."

Churches Reject All Compromise on Sign

ROME—The Churches of Christ in Italy rejected a solution of the "war of the signs" worked out by the United States Embassy with the Italian government.

Italian authorities agreed, after consultation with embassy officials, to let the American-backed Protestant sect, "following proper application," put up a sign reading "Mission of the Church of Christ." The sign could be in either English or Italian.

Three times in the last year police have pulled off the wall of the congregation's meeting place a sign spelling out Chiesa di Christo (Church of Christ).

Cline R. Paden of Brownfield, Tex., leader of the church here, called the proposed solution "totally unacceptable."

He objected to the requirement that the church apply for permission and to inclusion of the word "mission" in the sign.

Giacomo Rosapepe, Italian lawyer for Paden, said the church would not ask permission because it believed it was entitled to display a sign. Recently a Rome court upheld the group in this contention.

The U. S. Embassy had no comment on Mr. Paden's rejection of the compromise solution.

The Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches scheduled a meeting to discuss the situation.

Communists Reprinting Anti-Religious Books

LONDON—(RNS)—Bolshevik anti-religious books, used 10 to 30 years ago, are being revived and published in Russia to meet requests by Communist Party workers for scientific-atheistic literature, Soviet radio stations reported.

The broadcasts said newly-established special publishing houses whose job is to produce up-to-date anti-religious books and pamphlets were unable to cope with the demand.

The Kurgan Regional Radio Service said that among the books to be revived and published "in great numbers" are "Socialism and Religion," by Lenin; "Reflections on Religion," a work more than 30 years old, by Skvortsev-Stepanow; and "The Harmfulness of Religious Superstitions and Prejudices, by Sidorov.

The same broadcast also revealed that a new edition of "The Vatican and Catholicism in the Service of International Reaction" was being printed. This book, said the station, "reveals the manifold spying and diversionist activities of the Vatican throughout the world."

—PERSONALIA—

Allen R. Blegen is celebrating his twentieth anniversary as radio pastor of the Hope of the World broadcast. Listeners in thirty states now hear his inspiring messages. Pastor Blegen recently accepted the pulpit of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Chicago.

Bennett Anderson has accepted the position of Assistant to the President of Trinity Seminary and Bible College,

leading educational institution of the Evangelical Free Church of America.

J. Palmer Muntz is celebrating his thirtieth anniversary as pastor of Cazenovia Park Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. A recent Fellowship Banquet arranged by his people was largely attended. Among the guests were Mrs. William A. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Highes and other associates of Dr. Muntz in his ministry as director of Winona Lake Bible Conference, the world's largest Bible conference.

B. C. Goodpasture, editor of *Gospel Advocate,* has received many honors recently in recognition of the one hundreth anniversary of this national weekly of the Church of Christ.

Armin C. Oldsen, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Ohio is the radio preacher on The Lutheran Hour for April, May, June. Dr. Oldsen was a former regular speaker on this world-wide broadcast from 1951-53, but resigned on doctor's orders.

Hyman Appelman was granted an audience with President Don Castillo Armas in the Palacio Nacional, Guatemala City during the evangelistic campaign recently closed in this Latin American city. Over 3,000 responded to the Gospel invitation. (*Action,* April 1).

Paul Friedrich, executive director of the Lutheran Laymen's League, sponsor of The Lutheran Hour, returned recently from a month-long tour of the European operations of the broadcast. The Lutheran Hour is heard on more than 1,240 stations, over 500 of which are located in foreign lands.

Jack Hamm, noted religious cartoonist, received national recognition during recent months from Freedoms Foundation for the best cartoon promoting American freedom in 1953; Howard R. Smith Annual Award for the most outstanding service to Christian Journalism; Tri-Lambda Annual Award for distinguished service in religious journalism and the American Legion's Annual Editorial Award for the most patriotic cartoon of 1954.

Chester E. Tulga was guest speaker of the Annual Fellowship Rally of the Northern California Conservative Baptist Association in San Francisco, recently.

William Ward Ayer of New York City was guest speaker for the Southern Baptist, North Carolina Statewide Conference on Evangelism in First Baptist Church, Gunsboro, under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Canipe, secretary of Evangelism for North Carolina. Among the speakers were Dr. C. Y. Dossey of the Department of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Louie Newton, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. James L. Sullivan of Nashville, Tenn; Dr. Roy O. McClain, pastor of the First Baptist Church of of Atlanta, Ga., and many other notable Baptist leaders.

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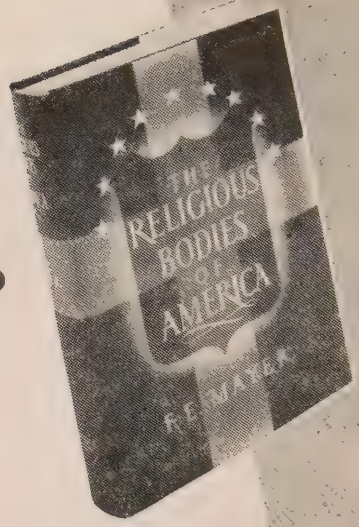

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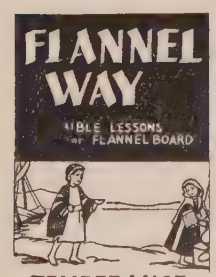

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of Churches was interested paternally, and the Disciples of Christ in America contributed largely in financial help to carry the work forward. The work was done largely in Europe under the direction of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland, and the book was produced in England and is distributed in America by Westminster Press.

There are sixteen major divisions of subject matter, including Great Britain, the Orthodox Churches, America, the various organizations prominent in the larger movement, such as the International Missionary Council, the great conferences held, and the Roman Catholic interest. Each major division is again subdivided. There are over forty pages of bibliography, a glossary, and an extensive index of twenty-five double-column pages. The mastery of this volume would be worth at least a term major in seminary.

In view of the great mass of material, events up to 1910 have been treated more briefly, while those since have been developed more fully. The various movements within the whole have been analyzed, with a view of helping to an understanding of these on the part of those within and without them. It behooves every Christian in fairness to himself to know where he and his particular group stand in respect to the broad, complex stream of Christianity, and to this end it must be urged that this book be read by every serious Christian, even though he may be out of sympathy with much of what has transpired and is taking place today. Only an understanding of those things can enable one to face the future intelligently.

"God Loves Me; Devotional Thoughts for Boys and Girls." Elizabeth B. Jones. Unpaged. Warner Press. $1.75.

Many full-page photographic illustrations and accompanying devotional material make this a delightful book for Children at bedtime or for the family altar. Most of the thoughts are related to nature, but some deal with praise, prayer, and one deals with Christmas and one with children of other lands.

"The Fulness of Time." John Marsh. ix, 189 pp. Harper. $3.00.

The jacket blurb calls this a book "which is at once a philosophic treatise and a piece of biblical criticism." It belongs to the present day attempt to deal with Scriptural material in somewhat the framework of biblical theology yet in other respects in a manner less confining, but just as legitimate. The author's main thesis is that biblical time is in essence "opportunity" and is quite different from the Greek conception. Of course the Bible recognizes chronological time, and even associates it closely with "kairos" but it is the latter that governed the Jewish thought. The Exodus and the Cross are focal points in chronology, but they become for the Jews and the early church points of view looking backward and forward. A man before or after the Cross may be living actually "B.C. in A.D." or "A.D. in B.C." (pp. 157, 158). The idea of "fullfillment" is the central pivot upon which to understand the life and work of Jesus.

The average reader of the Bible finds difficulty with the time element as presented in it, and so he will also with the scholarly discussion in this book, but theolgians will have to take these arguments into account. ". . . the discerning of the times is not a chronological matter, though it has chronological consequences; it is a theological matter having eschatological consequences" (p. 180).

"The Old Testament and the Fine Arts; an Anthology of Pictures, Poetry, Music, and Stories Covering the Old Testament." Cynthia Pearl Maus. 826 pp. Harper. $5.95.

One of the many ways to bring the Bible to the attention of people who would not otherwise be interested in it is to illuminate it with illustrations from the fine arts. There have been many works of this kind in the past, and the present author has herself put out two beautiful volumes prior to this, *Christ and the Fine Arts*, and *The World's Great Madonnas*. Divided into six historical sections, the book proceeds from the creation in Genesis to the return from the exile and the awaiting of the Messiah.

One hundred full-page reproductions of masterpieces of art, some not well known, may also be obtained as kodachrome slides or filmstrip from the Department of Visual Education, Oberlin-Schauffler College, Oberlin, Ohio. The purpose of the book and of these visual aids is to supplement religious education programs in the churches. To that end there is a great deal of interpretation given for the pictures in the book.

As one leaves through the book a great many fascinating pieces come before one's eyes. The following are only a few that happen to intrigue the reviewer: Saul Raskin's picture of Abraham as he receives the promise that his seed shall be as the stars; Leslie Savage Clark's poem, "Ishmael," "The first of all the seed the Lord foretold—"; an unknown artist's picture of the tabernacle in the wilderness; Michelangelo's statue of David; a song, "Clear the Way for the Eternal," by William L. Stidger and Rowland H. Prichard; "Daniel in the Lion's Den," a painting by Luke Yuan Tu Chen of China.

The problem of selection in an anthology like this is tremendous, and no two editors would come out anywhere alike, of course. To some, the selection of music might not seem to be always as closely related to the theme as it might, and of course there was no end of music that could be called into service. The problem was to maintain a high level of quality, and the reproduction of staff and note music in a letterpress book offers many problems of composition. All in all the volume will serve a very useful purpose for all who are interested in the Bible, the fine arts, and who in any way teach, preach, or minister the Bible. There are several indexes, but none covering Scripture passages or subjects.

"The New Testament, Rendered from the Original Greek, with Explanatory Notes." Part one: The Four Gospels, tr. by James A. Kleist; Part two: Acts of the Apostles, Epistles, and Apocalypse, tr. by Joseph L. Lilly. xii, 690 pp. Bruce. $5.00.

Any major translation of the entire New Testament is an event. This one is now the third Catholic version to be translated directly from the Greek in recent years. Whether it fulfils the promise of the jacket blurb ("Captures with greater accuracy and readability than in any other English version the delicate shadings of meaning and the earthly savorings of speech only obtainable from the biblical Greek employed by the Evangelists") is problematical, but the intention is to make the message of the New Testament more understandable to the common people.

Both translators come well prepared to their task. The former was Professor of Classical Languages at St. Louis University from 1928 until his death in 1949, and the latter was Assistant Professor of New Testament Exegesis at the Catholic University of America until his death in 1952. He was Past President of the Catholic Biblical Association, and a member of the editorial boards of the New Testament Revision Committee and the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

A few observations will have to suffice because of limited space available. Turning to the Gospel of John we find that the Prologue down to verse 18 is rendered in poetical form, some of which is very rhythmic, some a little awkward. It begins, "When time began, the Word was there, and the Word was face to face with God, and the Word was God." Verse 6 has a beautiful rhythm: "There came upon the scene a man, a messenger from God, whose name was John." It is obvious that some paraphrasing has been resorted to, and this is defended in the general foreword. Archaic terminology has been replaced, but there has been no attempt to forsake the dignity of formal language. "A translator is a literary balancer" (p. vii).

A brief survey of several portions reveals that more work should be done on the printed text. Would not "any one" be better than "anyone" in Hebrews 1:13 ("Did he ever say to anyone of the angels"). There is a period where there should be a comma in Hebrews 2:6, preceding the quotation from Psalm 8. Some will detect an obvious discouragement to personal freedom of interpretation in 2 Peter 1:20, 21: "Above all else you must realize that no prophecy of Scripture is matter for private interpretation, because no prophecy was ever produced by man's will."

Notes are present in nearly all Catholic translations. Many of them in this version also will provoke criticism by non-

Catholic readers and scholars. The one at Revelation 20:2 is an example: "a thousand years: this is generally interpreted by Catholic scholars as referring to the whole period from the founding of the Church down to near the end of time. Satan's power will be greatly curtailed; his work of seduction will be done for him by individual men, false teachers, and irreligious governments opposed to the Church." At points the gospel is clearly presented by faithful translation and without notes to obscure it, but in too many places the plain statements are footnoted to divert the reader toward ecclesiastical interests.

"Developing a Giving Church." W. E. Grindstaff. 191 pp. Revell. $2.50.

"How to Win More Tithers," "How to Make and Subscribe a Better Budget," "How to Get More Money for all Causes," —division headings indicate that this is a book that should interest all finance committee members and pastors! The author is Assistant Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma. He has gathered together a good collection of workable ideas which he has developed in eighteen chapters. Even stewardship beyond death is developed in the last chapter on wills and bequests.

"What's Cooking? Quantity Cooking for all Occasions." Jane Kirk. 383 pp. Revell. $3.95.

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"The Story of Jesus." Told by Edmund Filmer, with pictures by A. W. Lacey and S. W. Donison. 132 pp. Van Kampen. $2.95.

This is a story of the life of Jesus in chronological sequence with thirty-two colored pictures. There are fourteen major divisions, and the individual stories run from one to three pages. Of significance in this book is the fact that the question as to why Jesus had to die is answered in a rather unique way by having Him develop the reasons as given in other parts of the Bible, and as a natural development of such a passage as Luke 24:45-46, "Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures."

"Jerusalem and Its Temples (Illustrated by Pictures of Unique Models). Bishop D. A. Thompson. 57 pp. Obtainable from Sunday School Times. $1.00.

There is much written on the tabernacle but not so much on the temples. This little book has several folded sheets arranged so that the pictures can be opened out and be visible while the book is read. The pictures are of models made by J. M. Tenz from information supplied by archaeologists and scholars associated with the Palestine Exploration Fund.

"Audio-visual Methods in Teaching." Revised ed. Edgar Dale. ix, 534 pp. Dryden Press. $6.25.

In this day of audio-visual teaching in all fields, this book constitutes a basic text useful alike for public school, college and university, and church school teachers. For years Dale's earlier edition was a standard text. This revised edition is completely redone—rewritten, twice the number of illustrations (now over 400, of which 49 are full color plates), and the material is brought strictly up to date in all areas. There are three major divisions: Theory, Materials, and Classroom Applications. These are covered by thirty chapters; at the end of each is found a bibliography of materials and sources of supply.

In the last section each of the major disciplines is taken up in turn for adaptations of audio-visual materials in teaching that particular subject area. Unfortunately the author has completely left out religious education in this manual, but of course the principles are much the same in teaching any subject. New in this edition is an extensive chapter on color as an aid in teaching. This volume should be in every church library. The double-column pages contain a great deal of material.

"Studies in Brethren History." Floyd E. Mallott. 382 pp. Brethren Pub. House, Elgin, Ill. $3.75.

For those who are interested in the history of American Pietism in general and in the Church of the Brethren in particular this book will be of exceptional interest and quite rewarding. Necessarily parts of it deal with individuals and their role in the development of this denomination, but the author avoids the pitfalls of many similar attempts and relates his work to church history in general.

There is an honest and serious effort to deal with the problems which the Church of the Brethren has faced throughout its history in relation to peculiarities of dress, pacifism and education. Perhaps one of the finest insights of the book is the constant attention which the author gives to the increasing conflict throughout the nineteenth century between the earlier cultural foundations of the movement and the growing industrialization which at times threatened to change the Church into something quite different from what its German founders intended it to be, and which would make it merely another denomination on the American scene without any distinguishing differences.

There is on the other hand, a provincialism of style and content which prevents this book from being a work of outstanding quality, and some of its conclusions are open to serious question in the opinion of this reviewer. Nevertheless, it is the best treatment of the subject which he has ever seen.—*Gregory Singer.*

"Physician, Heal Thyself." Dorothy Dennison. 256 pp. Paternoster Press. 8/6.

The London campaign of Billy Graham has produced many results, including a feature motion picture, and now this novel based upon it. Dorothy Dennison has put together a typical story of a young physician and his wife who were having difficulty with their marriage, when news came of strange happenings down at Harringay. They went down, and their lives were changed, along with others whose experiences are also related in the story.

"Jungle Doctor." Paul White. 118 pp. Eerdmans. $1.50.

"Jungle Doctor on Safari." Paul White. 119 pp. Eerdmans. $1.50.

"Jungle Doctor Operates." Paul White. 121 pp. Eerdmans. $1.50.

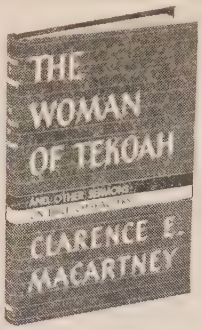
First published in Australia, then in England, and now in America, these thrilling and inspiring stories of a medical missionary in Tanganyika, East Africa, will be avidly devoured by the younger teenagers. There is human interest, sorrow and suffering, spiritual struggle and victory, and a good insight into the native Christian life. Every church library should buy the set, which will eventually run into about a dozen volumes.

"The Pattern of God's Truth; Problems of Intergration in Christian Education." Frank E. Gaebelein. x, 118 pp. Oxford. $2.50.

Four lectures, constituting the substance of this work, were delivered at Dallas Theological Seminary on the Griffith Thomas Lectureship and at Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary in Denver as the Lectures on Christian Thought and Ministry. Dr. Gaebelein is concerned here to see Christian truth—more particularly the truth of the Bible—permeating and energizing Christian education. It is perfectly possible, he says, for a student to be in a vitally Christian school and receive a secular education therein. Even in some seminaries the Bible has a secondary, instead of a primary, place. Discipline is held by the writer to be one of the tests of a truly Christian educational program. "A genuinely Christian handling of discipline is a costly thing; it cannot be achieved without the expenditure of precious hours" (p. 93). While not academically profound, this book contains some basic considerations pertinent to any Christian educator.

"God and Space-Time." Alfred P. Stiernotte. xxvii. 440, 15 pp. Philosophical Library.

The late Samuel Alexander's Gifford lectures on "Space-Time and Deity" had considerable influence in naturalistic circles, and Dr. Stiernotte's study carries forward the interest in Alexander's position by



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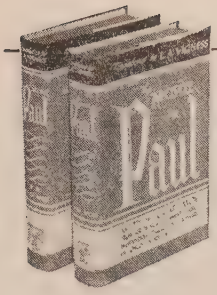

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"How to Achieve Personality Through Prayer." Simon Blocker. 121 pp. Eerdmans. $2.00.

Formerly a pastor and member of the faculty of Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Mich., Dr. Blocker presents here an apologetic for a genuine and vigorous prayer life based on certain basic needs of the Christian and promising many rewards in his life. Among the latter are a growth in comprehension of Christian truth, an exemplary Christian conduct, a charming Christian character, increased capacity, greater competence, charm and consecration, and finally an intensified passion for all of God's creatures. The writing is informal at points, and at some points raises doctrinal questions, but it is sure to stimulate the reader to a fuller prayer life.

"Well Said! Benedicte's Scrapbook; A Treasury of Illustrations for Pastors, Teachers, Christian Workers and Other Public Speakers." Compiled by William B. Gamble. 252 pp. Eerdmans. $3.95.

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"Encyclopedia of Games." Doris Anderson. 251 pp. Zondervan. $2.95.

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"The Climax of the Ages: Studies in the Prophecy of Daniel." Frederick A. Tatford. 270 pp. Marshall, Morgan & Scott. 15s.

The author of this commentary is editor of *The Advent Witness* and associate editor of *The Prophetic Digest*. He is thoroughly at home in prophetic literature and commands great respect in many circles. In this work he takes the futurist view and holds to the parenthesis position with regard to the sixty-ninth and seventieth weeks of Daniel. Appendices deal with "Apocryphal Additions to Daniel," "The Chronology of Daniel 1:1" (written by F. F. Bruce), and "Relevant Dates." There is a bibliography of over three pages and Scriptural and subject indexes.

"Speaking for the Master; A Study of Public Speaking for Christian Men." Batsell Barrett Baxter. xi, 134 pp. $2.50.

This book should meet a definite need for Christian laymen who take any place of leadership in church activities. It would be put to best use by a group of men in the church meeting as a class to improve their abilities in making announcements, reading the Bible, offering public prayer, and doing other types of speaking. The book is so clearly and functionally written that the group could meet even without a trained speech teacher. In fact, the individual Christian could profit much from it by studying it alone; it is simple, non-technical, and practical.

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"The Cross in the New Testament." Walter Thomas Conner. viii, 181 pp. Broadman. $2.50.

For over thirty-five years the author taught theology at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth. He made a specialty of the atonement, and this book traces through the New Testament Scriptures the central idea of the atonement, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Sin is faced in all its ugliness, and the sinner is brought gloriously out into a high standing in Christ through the cross. One chapter summarizes the historical interpretations of the atonement, and the final one deals with the inevitability of the cross and insists that in it we see most clearly the character of God.

"Commentary on the Book of the Acts; The English Text with Introduction, Exposition and Notes." F. F. Bruce. 555 pp. Eerdmans. $6.00.

Mr. Bruce had already produced a commentary on the Acts for scholars and those who can handle the Greek (*The Acts of the Apostles, The Greek Text with Introduction and Commentary,* London, Tyndale Press). This work is designed for the reader who cannot handle the Greek, but is in no sense a less scholarly work than the other. The introductions and comments are different in each, although of necessity bear a good deal of similarity at points.

This book was produced after fifteen years of studying and teaching the book of Acts, and the writer draws from many sources. He is a conservative and came out of a classical training. He is head of the Department of Biblical History and Literature at the University of Sheffield, England. Doubtless for a long time this will be one of the most useful commentaries on this important book.

"A World in Travail; A Study of the Contemporary World Crisis." T. B. Matson. xvii, 139 pp. Broadman. $2.25.

The author approaches his subject from the standpoint of the church's social concern for the world and its troubles. The world is in the most serious crisis since the Reformation or Renaissance and this crisis is likely to continue for some time. Its basic causes are spiritual and the remedy is likewise spiritual. The picture is complex, but God is able to direct His people, if they are willing, to a reintegration and reorientation of life, but this must begin in the Church with a spiritual renewal. The author is professor of social ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

"Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans." Martin Luther. A new translation by J. Theodore Mueller. 207 pp. Zondervan. $2.95.

Professor Mueller of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis has brought us a new translation of "the most important thoughts of the great Reformer" on the book of Romans. Selection also eliminates most passages which contain thoughts that Luther modified later in life. While a definitive critical edition remains to be produced, this volume will provide laymen with the essentials of the great doctrine of justification by faith, and will warm the hearts of the reader, even as it did Wesley's when he read it. Obscurities are eliminated in this translation by a system of supplied words, so that the style is smooth and intelligible at all points.

"Speaking in the Church." John Edward Lantz. Drawings by Ruth Cox Lantz. xi, 202 pp. Macmillan. $3.75.

The problem of effective speaking is one of the most important in the work of the pastor. Coming from a pastor, who has taught speech extensively, this book is designed to provide help on all matters pertaining to effective speaking, except such as may require professional services. The preparation of the mind, the body, the voice, and the outline are considered in detail. The congregation comes in for a chapter too, and it is well that it should, for it is certainly the other end of the success equation. It is like the little boy's answer to his adult fishing companion who was not catching the fish he was: "This sure is attractive bait, mister; but the trouble with your fishing is that you use the bait you like, while I use the bait the fish like" (p. 87).

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"An Exposition of Hebrews." Arthur W. Pink. 3 vols. Baker Book House. $17.95.

The epistle to the Hebrews is not as well known to laymen, and even to some ministers, as it should be. A thorough grasp of the argument of the book will help to put Christ at the center of Christianity, where He belongs. Pink points out in his Introduction the evidential value of the epistle for the doctrine of verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, and its great evangelistic value as well.

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These expositions were written in Pink's earlier years. They appeared originally in his magazine, "Studies in the Scriptures." Extremes are avoided in most cases, although the author is not hesitant to set forth what may differ from the interpretation of others. He comes out with strong exhortations, capturing the spirit of the epistle itself in this. In the difficult passage in the sixth chapter, he holds that the persons in view there were not really saved, but were merely professors or conformers, not having been truly born again. No reader will agree with all interpretations in these volumes, but there is much here that will be found profitable and edifying to all. The set totals over 1,300 pages.

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and counseling with those who are primarily physically ill. Mr. Young has also made reference to a good bit of the significant related literature, which will be of material assistance to those readers who wish to follow up any particular topic.

The book consists of five chapters. The first two, entitled "The Healing Team" and "The Pastor and Hospital Personnel" discuss the problem of the pastor's relationships to other professional personnel in the hospital setting. These contain many practical suggestions as to how the pastor may gear himself more smoothly into the total program of promoting the welfare of patients. The last three chapters, respectively entitled "Visiting the Sick," "The Ministry of Counseling," and "The Specific Ministry of the Pastor" contain many practical suggestions and come to grips with such specific problems as ministering to the dying, the bereaved, the patient facing surgery, and to the convalescing patient. Appendices are included which describe the recommendations of the Southern Baptist Convention for qualifications for the hospital chaplaincy, and also a description of the training program available in pastoral care at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. A short, well-selected bibliography concludes the volume.

This reviewer found the book somewhat repetitious. One wonders, for example, whether it is necessary to belabor the point that the pastor should cooperate with the hospital staff quite to the extent that the author does so. One might also have wished he would have illustrated the dynamic of the Gospel in enabling the ill to transcend their illness more fully. While this book is in no way a substitute for Cabot and Dicks' classic work: "The Art of Ministering to the Sick" (Macmillan, 1947), it does supplement it in several ways, particularly from the standpoint of the institutional setting.—*Lars I. Granberg.*

"Early Christianity; The Purpose of Acts and Other Papers." Burton Scott Easton. Edited by Frederick C. Grant. 158 pp. Seabury. $3.50.

Dr. Easton died in 1950, and this volume presents the core of his well-known volume, "The Purpose of Acts," published in England and for some years unavailable, together with other papers on early Christianity dealing with "The Church in the New Testament," "Jewish and Early Christian Ordination," and "Authority and Liberty in the New Testament." These latter are reprinted from *The Anglican Theological Review.*

"Eternal Hope." Emil Brunner, translated by Harold Knight. 232 pp. Westminster Press. $3.50.

The nineteenth century marked a climax of belief in progress; the twentieth, with its two world wars has destroyed this belief. Brunner sets himself to analyze this false hope, and to proceed to the analysis of the Christian hope, both in its historical basis and development and in its present relevance and potency. Western humility "defied formal freedom based upon man's natural reason and as confidently expected this combination of freedom and reason to usher in the millennium" (p. 24). On the other hand, "Humanity has a future because it awaits the coming of the kingdom of God in the future coming of its Lord" (p. 25).

In approaching the biblical material the author plainly explains his position: "The statements of the Bible concerning the future are not only to some extent contradictory but are laden with mythological ideas which have become alien and partly even meaningless to us. Reflection on the distinction between the fact of revelation itself and the scriptural testimony to it frees us from much ballast. . ." (p. 26). Yet the "thought of the future coming is anything but a piece of mythology which can be dispensed with" (p. 138). The certainty of the Parousia does not bother Brunner; the problem is the nature or form of it (p. 139). It is a matter of the extent of one's demythologizing of the New Testament pronouncements. He proceeds then to analyze the elements of it, and in regard to the resurrection of Christ the following statement is significant: The resurrection of Jesus is as an event the utterly incomprehensible and transcendant, the beginning of the Parousia, of which the—one might say—obvious characteristic is its incomprehensibility, its non-co-ordinability" (p. 144, using Spoerri's terminology). The main thing is that Christ reveals himself to believers as the Living Lord. "But the flesh will not rise again. The resurrection of the flesh stands of course in the creed but is excluded by what Paul says in I Cor. 15:35-53" (p. 149).

The coming of the future kingdom must not be understood in terms of "the analogy of the kingdoms and states of the world, but on that of the ecclesia" which "is in fact the nearest analogy to the Kingdom of God, but it is more than that: it is the initiation and seed of the latter" (p. 159). Love is the key to the hope for the future, even as faith and hope are the keys to the past and the present of our relationship towards Christ.

This book is significant in that it comes in the year when the World Council of Churches met around the theme it discusses, and because it brings a prominent theologian into the necessity of defining his eschatology more detailedly, but it remains an ambiguous answer for most of us to the problem of the believer's hope.

"The Teaching Ministry of the Church; an Examination of the Basic Principles of Christian Education." James D. Smart. 207 pp. Westminster. $3.00.

From 1944 to 1950 the author was editor in chief of the curriculum for the Board of Christian Education, Presbyterian Church in the USA. This book grew out of this practical experience, together with pastoral and teaching ministry, in which he has been engaged since. He seeks to crystallize here the sum of counsel which he enjoyed on the Board, together with further study in the implications of the whole field of theology and biblical revelation. "The biblical order is always: first the word of revelation, then the Church, and then the record of the revelation in the Church" (p. 27). Admitting that the original revelation was committed orally, Dr. Smart insists that the Church "is wholly dependent upon the revelation" (p. 27).

The Old Testament scholar has been more of an Orientalist than a theologian of the Church, although this is changing (p. 35), and New Testament scholarship cannot isolate itself from the Old Testament. Both teaching and preaching belong together, but they are different. The present situation is dark, and the goal is to be redefined in the light of this need and the basic doctrinal orientation. There has been too much of "the suffocating fog of moralism" (p. 77). The Trinity is used as the basic point of departure. From here we should go through the whole gamut of Christian doctrine, and the present idea that there is nothing in Christianity for those beyond the early teens must be overcome. Yet a new freedom in approaching the Bible must be employed. Non-essentials must give way to a basic understanding of the biblical message that will produce witnesses who are good exhibits of what it is trying to teach.

"Bible Doctrines; Beliefs that Matter." Mark G. Cambron. 288 pp. Zondervan. $3.75.

Dr. Cambron, dean of the Tennessee Temple Bible School, has given us a new and welcome volume on the great doctrines of the Bible. He writes under the earnest conviction that "the crying need of the Church today is the knowledge of the Word of God," and points out that many are backsliding into sin or being deceived by the various "isms" of the day because of lack of knowledge of Bible doctrine. To help correct such a situation, the author has produced a highly useful text-book which outlines and discusses the primary doctrinal truths of the Christian faith.

Thoroughly conservative and premillennial, the book presents the major doctrinal areas of God and of Angels; of Man, Sin, and Salvation; of Christ and the Holy Spirit; of the Church and of Last Things. It is regrettable that there is no major section on the doctrine of the Bible, with its great truths of revelation, inspiration, and illumination, etc., although it is clear that the author stands squarely on the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. In fact, one of the most commendable features of the book is its steadfast loyalty to the complete and final authority of God's Word. Biblical quotations are widely used to establish doctrinal conclusions. Especially helpful are the sections on Divine Names, the virgin birth, the vicarious death of Christ, and His literal resurrection. Many topics not normally included in a work of this size are helpfully discussed, such as the several ministries of the Holy Spirit, and the doctrine of Satan and of demons. Individuals will find the book a handy reference volume, while schools and churches will find here a useful text for a course of study designed to give a complete, biblical survey of Christian doctrine.—*Gerald B. Stanton.*

"Gallant Warrior, a Biographical Novel." Helen R. Mann. 309 pp. Eerdmans. $3.00.

Hannah Duston was a Puritan pioneer who lived in Haverhill, Mass. She was captured in the spring of 1697 by the Indians, and after considerable suffering she contrived to slay her captors and collect a reward from the Governor of the Colony. Her exploits are recorded by Samuel Sewell and Cotton Mather, and a monument was erected to her in 1879. The present book is a novel based on the facts of history, and it recreates for us the life of seventeenth century America with a brilliance and fidelity that could only be portrayed by one who is native to the locale of the story. Mrs. Mann is also a descendant of Hannah Duston, and so writes with a warmth and appreciation that would not otherwise be possible. The deep religious convictions of the Puritans are evident in the lives of the characters in the story.

"The Christian Hope and the Task of the Church; Six Ecumenical Surveys and the Report of the Assembly Prepared by the Advisory Commission on the Main Theme, 1954." Various 322 pp. Westminster. $9.00.

This is the material prepared in advance of the Second General Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Evanston last August. The six surveys are: Faith and Order, Evangelism, Social Questions, International Affairs, Intergroup Relations, and the Laity. The main theme, Christ the Hope of the World, comes in for a fifty-one page report also.

Much has been written about these surveys, and much more will be written on what was done at the Assembly. That which is good should be accepted by evangelicals, and that which is not should be criticized by them, and to be sure it is being done. In order that criticism should be based on adequate understanding of the facts, it is necessary that this, and the report, and the evaluation volumes to come, be studied carefully.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"Poems of a Lifetime." Oswald J. Smith. 192 pp. Van Kampen. $2.50. Covering a wide sweep of sentiment, this volume of poems represents the work of the author over almost a lifetime. He began to write poetry at the age of 15, and his great heart as a stalwart Christian, loving pastor, and passionate promoter of missions, is revealed in these poems, as he writes of biblical events, spiritual struggles, faraway lands, and personal experiences.

"Appointed with God." J. B. Phillips. ix, 61 pp. Macmillan. $1.75. The subtitle is, "Some Thoughts on Holy Communion." The translator of "Letters to Young Churches" and "The Gospels" writes here of some of the basic considerations in approaching the communion service, and getting the maximum value out of it. Writing as an Anglican Vicar, he nonetheless holds for inclusion of all true believers, and would hope that this might be a means toward reunion. Five mental approaches are suggested.

"Living with Peace of Mind." Kirby Page. 42 pp. Source Publishers, Box 485, Nashville, Tenn. 50c.

"Resource Materials: Elementary Science. Series 1: Biology, for Teachers of Upper Elementary Grades." Herbert H. Gross, ed. vii, 202 pp. Concordia. $2.25.

"Prepare"; Vital Issues, 1954. 53 pp. Young Calvinist Federation, 44 Ionia Ave., S.W., Grand Rapids 2, Mich. 60c. Addresses given at the 31st convention.

"Deliverance From Fear and From Sickness." Oral Roberts. 94 pp. Oral Roberts, Tulsa 1, Okla. $1.00.

"The Prophecies of Daniel in the Light of Past, Present, and Future Events." Louis T. Talbot. 234 pp. Van Kampen. $2.50. Third edition of this exposition which was first given on the radio. A colored chart depicts the commencement, character, course, and consummation of the times of the Gentiles.

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It is expected by some that these bills, along with a number of others which cover the same general area, will be referred to the several committees of Congress which deal with these matters (Committee on the Judiciary, Committees on the Post Office and Civil Service, and Committees on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce) and that they will later be reported together on the two floors of Congress.

CHANGES IN ECUADOR

In Ecuador missionaries are hopeful that there will be a lessening of the great delay in granting a number of the visas which have been applied for by missionaries who are to work in that country.

It is reported that the visas have been held up in the Department of the Ministry of Government. The Minister of this Department, Camilo Ponce, tendered his resignation and was replaced by a member of the Liberal Party, Pedro Concha. It now remains to be seen whether more favorable action toward missionaries will be forthcoming.

APPROVE ATHENS CHURCH

The Greek Government has just granted a permit for the rebuilding of the First Evangelical Church in Athens, Greece. The congregation of the First Evangelical Church is reported to be the oldest Evangelical church in Greece, having been established over 100 years ago.

Approval for the rebuilding of the Church was granted by the Greek Orthodox Archbishop. It is required by Greek law that the civil government gain the official approval of the Greek Orthodox Church for the building of any non-Orthodox Church.

The First Evangelical Church is located at the foot of the Acropolis, and close to Constitution Square, the center of all Greek life.

The congregation of the First Evangelical Church recently launched an appeal for the raising of $60,000.00, needed for the erection of this church in the heart of Athens. One-fourth of this amount has already been contributed by the local congregation, which is urging that other Evangelicals participate in raising the remainder of the needed amount.

At the same time, it is reported that the American Mission to the Greeks, one of four agencies registered with the Foreign Operations Adminstration for relief activities in Greece, has been given permission to extend relief work to cover 100,000 individuals in Greece. Attempts had formerly been made to restrict very seriously the relief activities of Evangelicals to Greece.

DISCRIMINATION IN COLOMBIA

The Ministry of Education in Colombia has recently issued a new decree raising the standards of private schools. These decrees are being enforced very strictly in the cases of the Protestant schools. As a result of this action, 20 Protestant schools have recently been closed by the Colombian Government.

The Ministry of Education has enforced Resolution 292, published February 17, in which it is stated that no private school is to function apart from the requirements therein designated. The requirements include official approval of the school from the Director of Education of the area in which the school is located, who is usually a Roman Catholic priest. The resolution also requires adherence to the official teaching plan and program. The head of each school is now required to have eight years teaching experience.

It is obvious that this resolution is not designed to raise the standards of education in Colombia, where approximately one million children have no possibility of getting any formal education, but rather to force the closing of certain schools which have been made targets of religious discrimination.

WORLD GOVERNMENT

It has been recently pointed out in Washington that there may be a growing rift between Senator Knowland and President Eisenhower concerning the plans for a pattern of foreign policy which would advance in the direction of the surrender of American independence to a subordinate position in world government.

A recent issue of *Human Events,* released in Washington made the statement as follows: "On Capitol Hill and along diplomatic row, it is believed that Knowland has information about a developing scheme, to which some of Ike's "liberal" advisers in the White House are a party, for slipping the United States into world government, under the threat of atomic warfare and growing Soviet belligerence."

It has been noted that Senator Knowland has recently made several speeches in which he has attacked United Nations. It is thought that this course of action by the Senator from California has been motivated by knowledge of plans for a foreign policy "perilous to American independence." Immediately after these speeches in which Senator Knowland expressed his views on the dangers of U.S. foreign policy slanted in the direction of world government, Presi-

dent Eisenhower took "sharp exception to the Senator's remarks and praised the United Nations." Whether these incidents will develop into a political storm within the ranks of the administration or whether the issue will be kept underneath the surface remains to be seen.

These developments have taken place on a backdrop of increasing tension on the issue of world government in the past few weeks. Speaking in the House of Representatives recently Congressman Usher L. Burdick made the following statement: "Two years ago there was much propaganda afloat in this country advocating a world government of which the United Staes is to be merely one of the states, surrendering its national sovereignty to the overall organization. That idea was apparently rejected by the people of the United States, and for a time the propaganda died out. Since January of this year, however, it has been revived and is now going full blast."

IMPRISONMENT IN SPAIN

[*First news story*]

Senor Florentino Tornadijo, an Evangelical pastor in Sagunto, near Valencia in Spain, was thrown in jail on February 22, for the "crime" of conducting an "unauthorized religious service." The governor of Valencia had refused the benefit of amnesty proclaimed by General Franco on the occasion of the anniversary of his ascendancy to power.

The sentencing of Pastor Tornadijo was based on his meeting in a home with 14 members of his congregation, at which meeting the police found them reading the Bible together. Large fines were imposed which could not be paid by these Evangelicals.

Last November the governor of Valencia had imposed a number of fines on 16 members of the Baptist Church of Jativa for the intention of holding a baptismal service in a hidden place in the country. Because these fines were not paid 5 Evangelicals (3 ladies, and 2 men) were sent to prison on February 16. The Evangelicals are expecting that about 20 more of their number in Jativa and Sagunto will also be sent to prison.

It also has been noted that the Spanish government refused the petition for the opening of the Baptist Church at Madrid which was made through the American Embassy. The Spanish government also refused the petition of a group of Evangelicals in Spain for the reopening of another Evangelical Church in Madrid.

SPANISH PASTOR RELEASED

[*Later news story*]

On March 9, 1955 Rev. Florentino Tornadijo was released from prison by authorities of the Province of Valencia in Spain. The National Association of Evangelicals, through Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Affairs, had protested the imprisonment of Pastor Tornadijo and five other Evangelicals in Spain.

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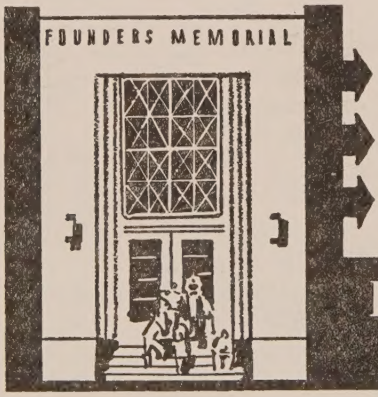

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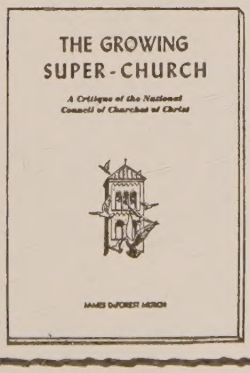

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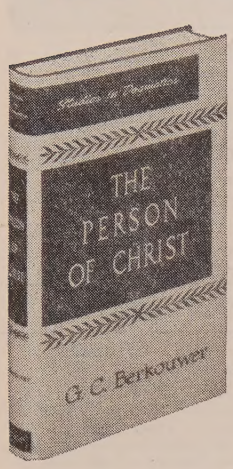

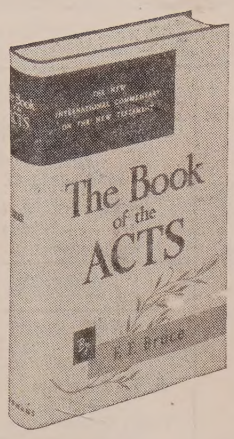

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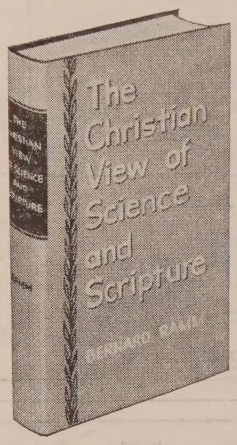

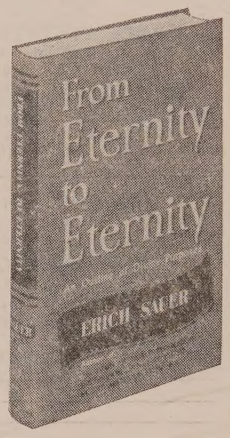

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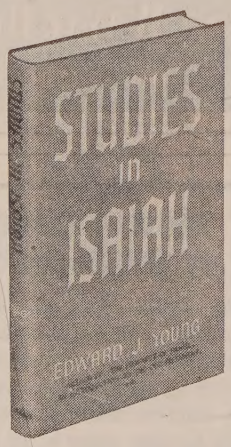

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